



# QUANTITATIVE NON-TARGETED SCREENING

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We do not describe the world  
we see, we see the world we can  
describe.

~ Rene Descartes

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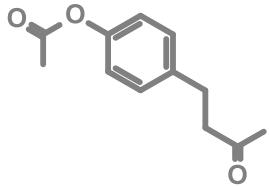
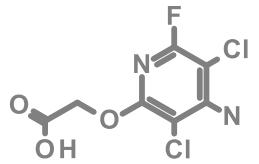
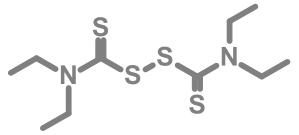
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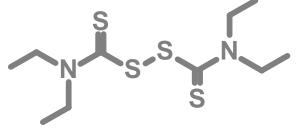
The background of the slide features a large, dark, craggy rock formation rising from the ocean under a cloudy sky. The water in the foreground is a deep teal color.

# **BACKGROUND OF NON-TARGETED SCREENING**

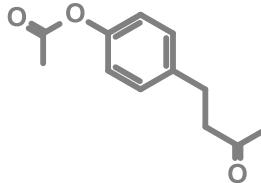
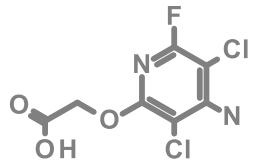
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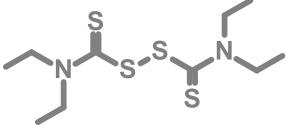
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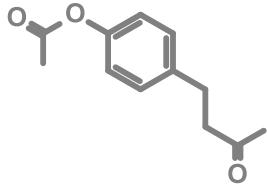
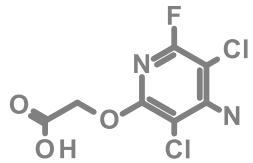
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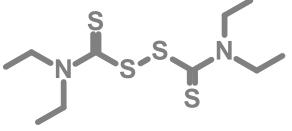


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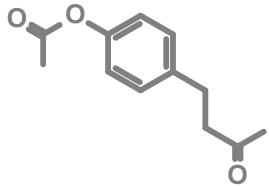
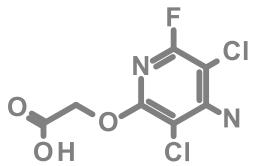


NO TARGETED LIST

# FROM TARGETED TO NON-TARGETED



MRM MODE



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FULL SPECTRUM MODE





# **SCREENING OF SURFACE WATER IN COLLABORATION WITH KWR**

# SAMPLES

SURFACE WATER FROM THE NETHERLANDS

28 different locations

FULL SPECTRUM MODE

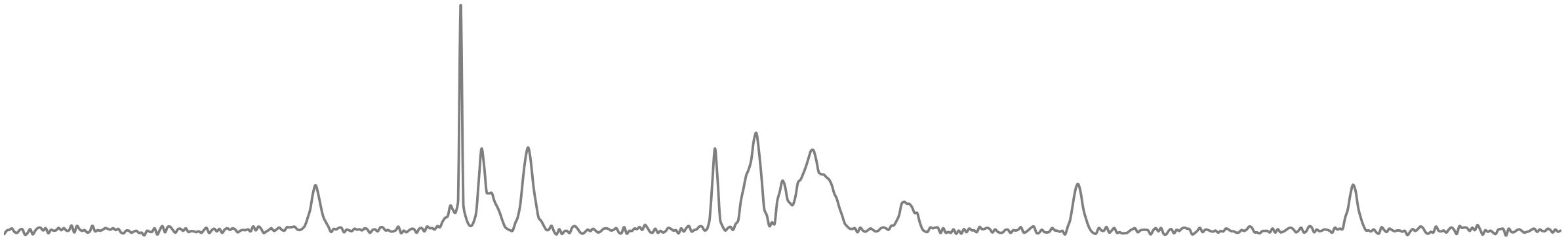


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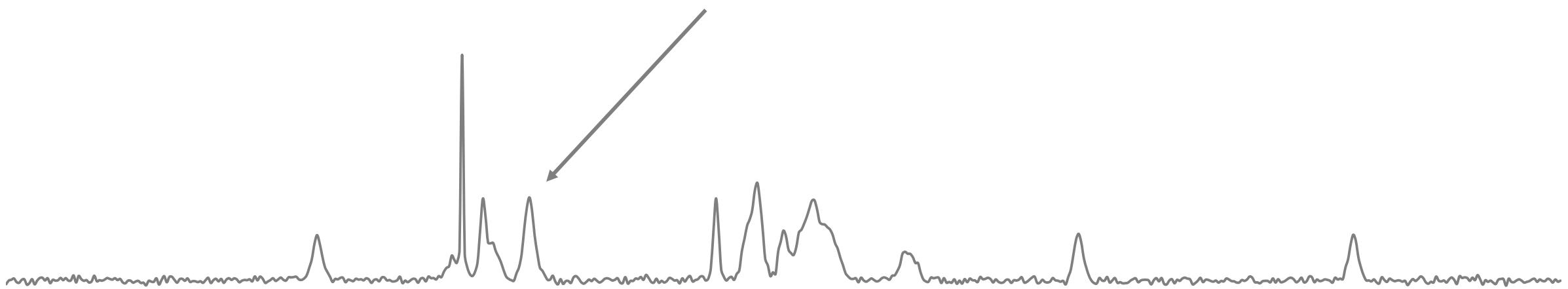
28 different locations & 119 different peaks

FULL SPECTRUM MODE



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$t_R = 10.1 \text{ min}$



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133.0640

Level 5: Exact mass of interest

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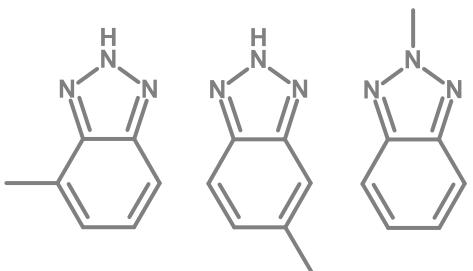
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$C_7H_7N_3$

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Level 3: Tentative candidate(s)  
structure, substituent, class

MS, MS<sup>2</sup>, Exp. data

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formula

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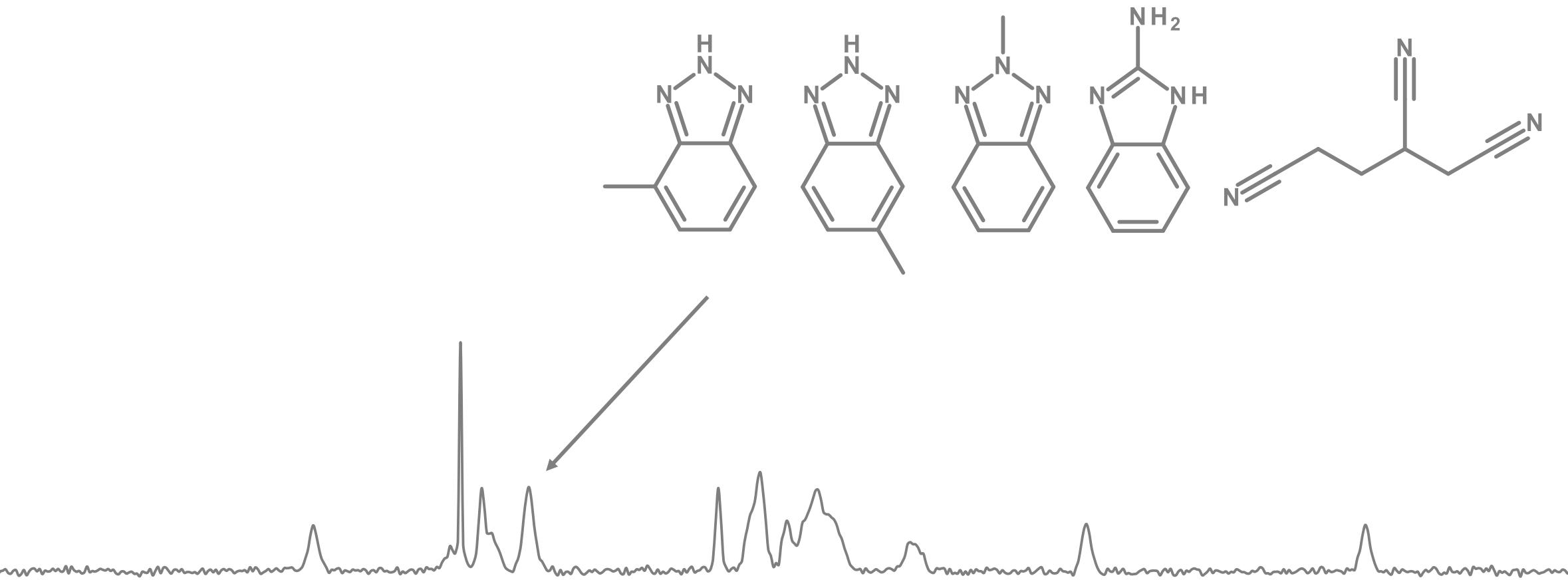
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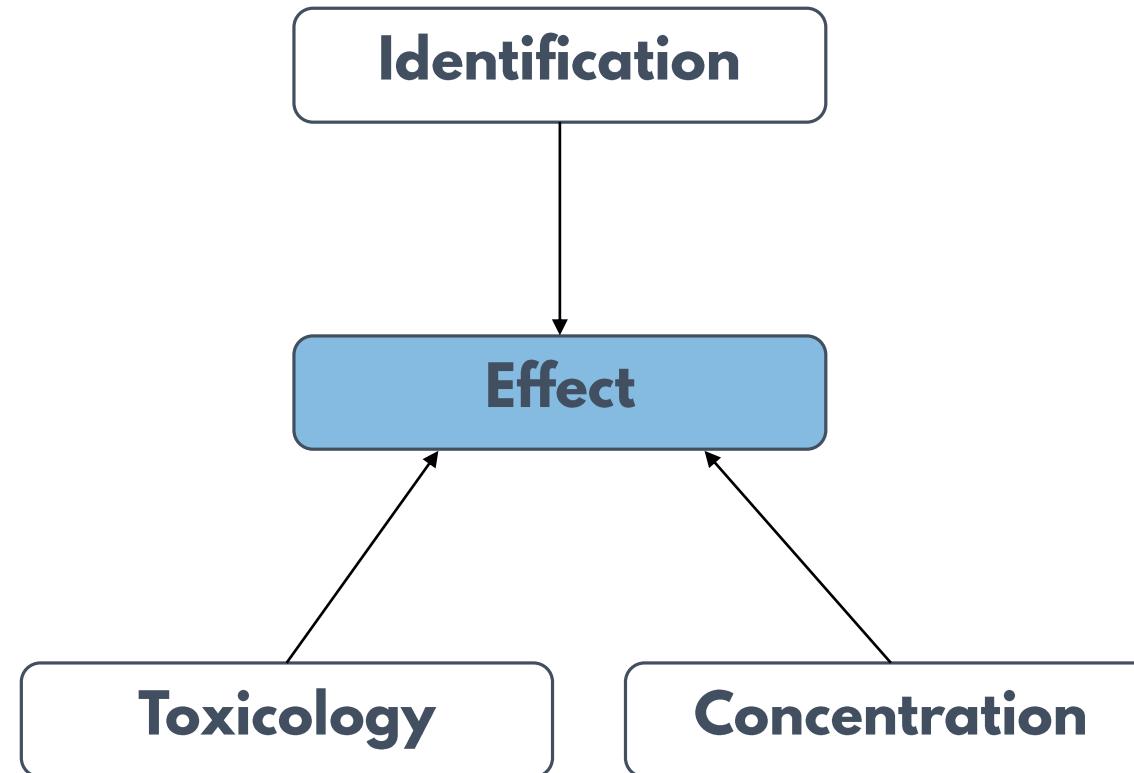
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5 possible structures



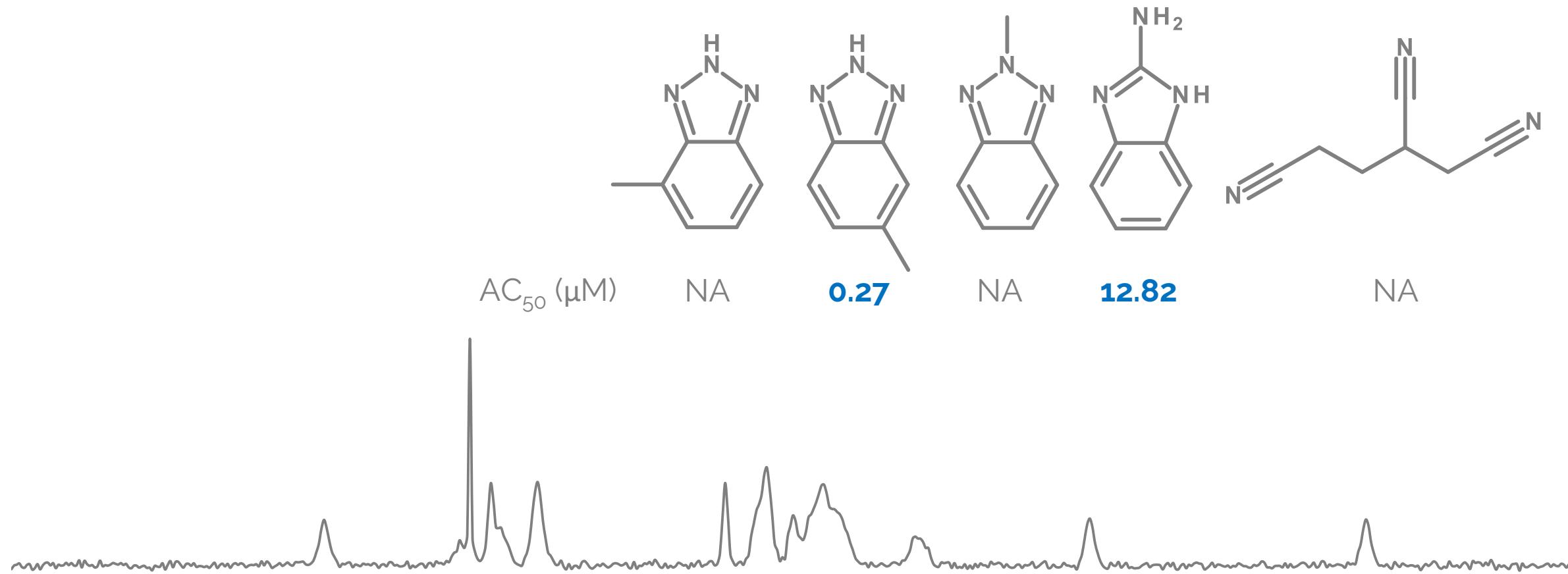
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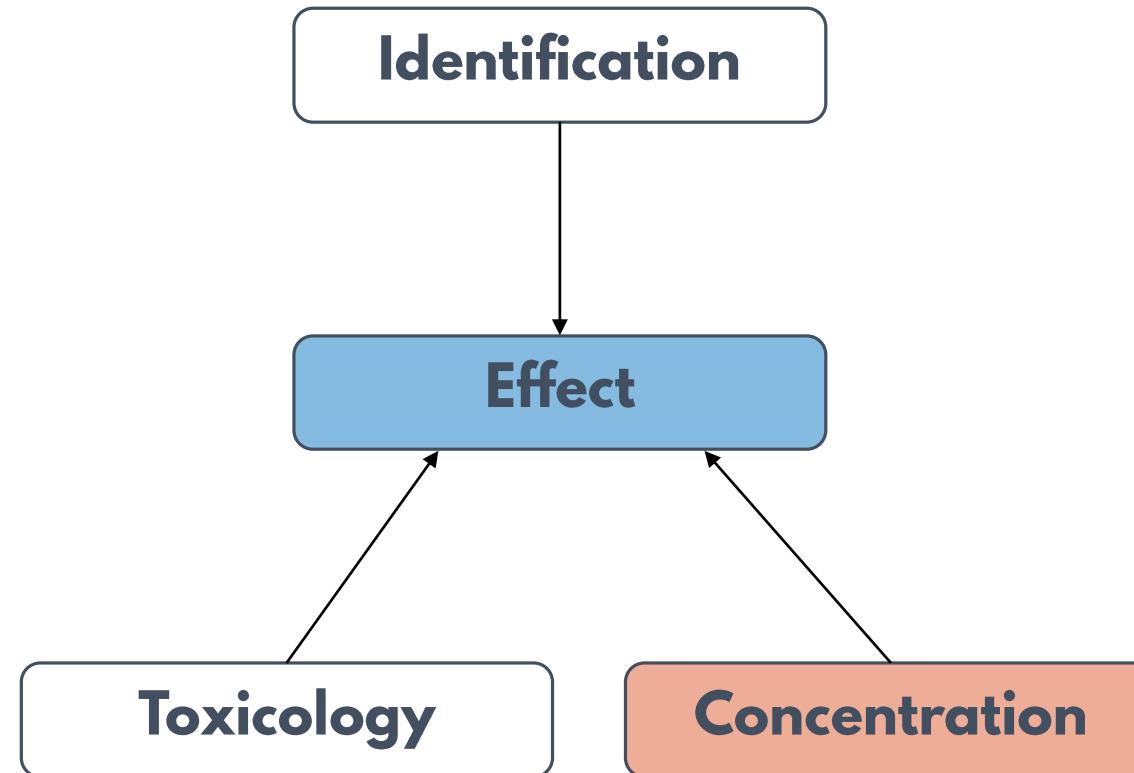
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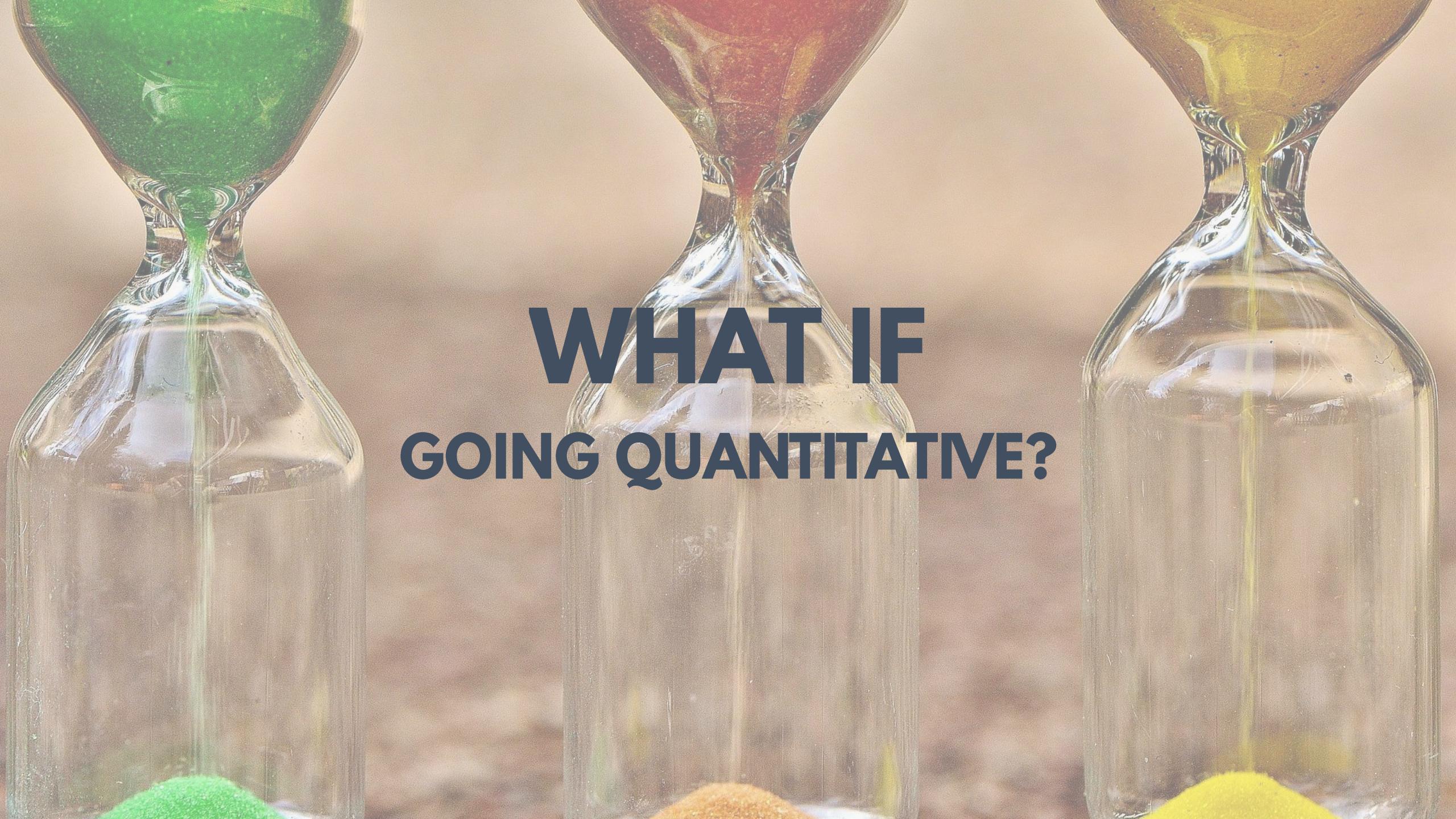
BASED ON TOXICITY

ToxCast toxicity tests



# EFFECT DRIVEN INTERPRETATION



A photograph of three hourglasses arranged horizontally against a light brown background. The hourglass on the left contains green sand, the middle one red sand, and the right one yellow sand. All three are shown in different stages of their flow, with sand falling from the top bulb into the bottom bulb.

**WHAT IF  
GOING QUANTITATIVE?**

# QUALITATIVE

stop after identification

# QUANTITATIVE

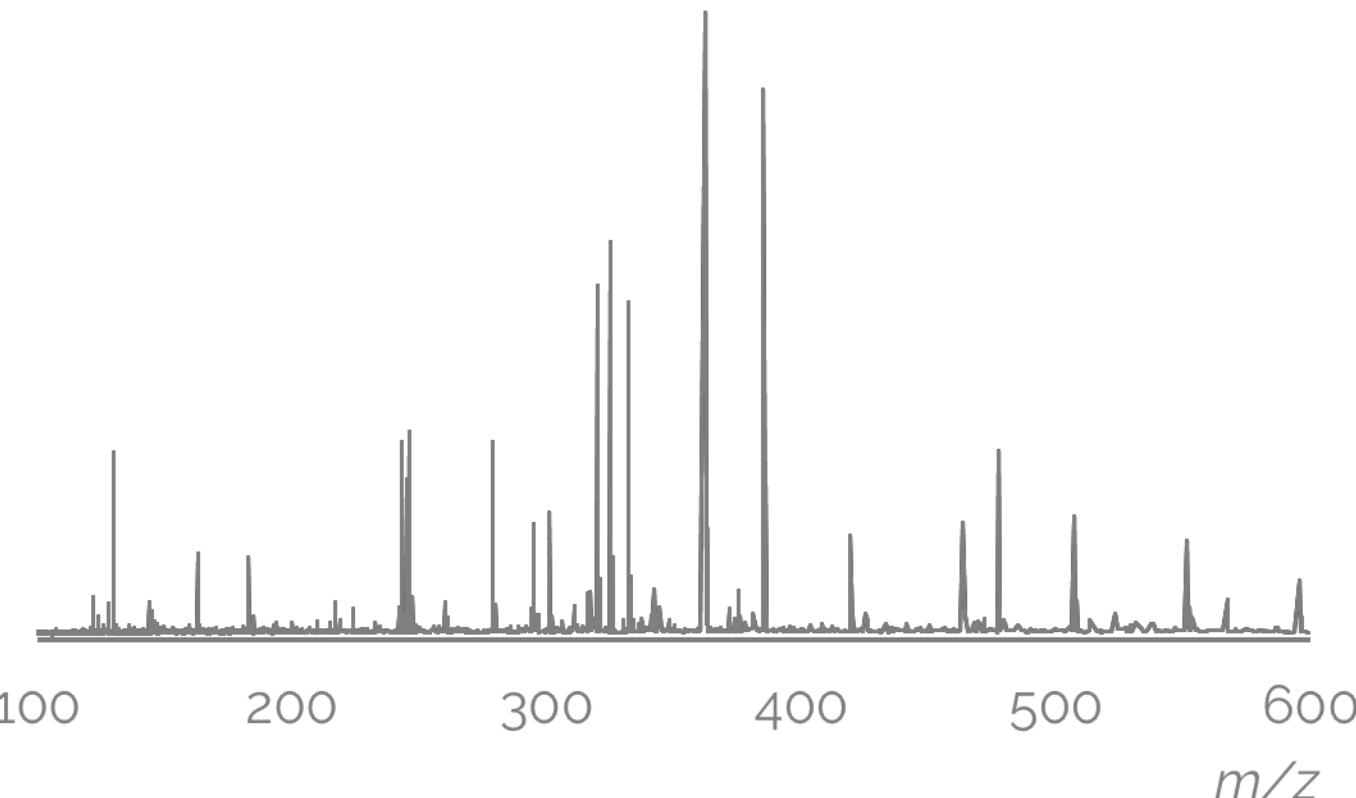
purchase or synthesize the standard substances



# QUANTIFICATION IS COMPLICATED

ESI/HRMS NON-TARGETED ANALYSIS

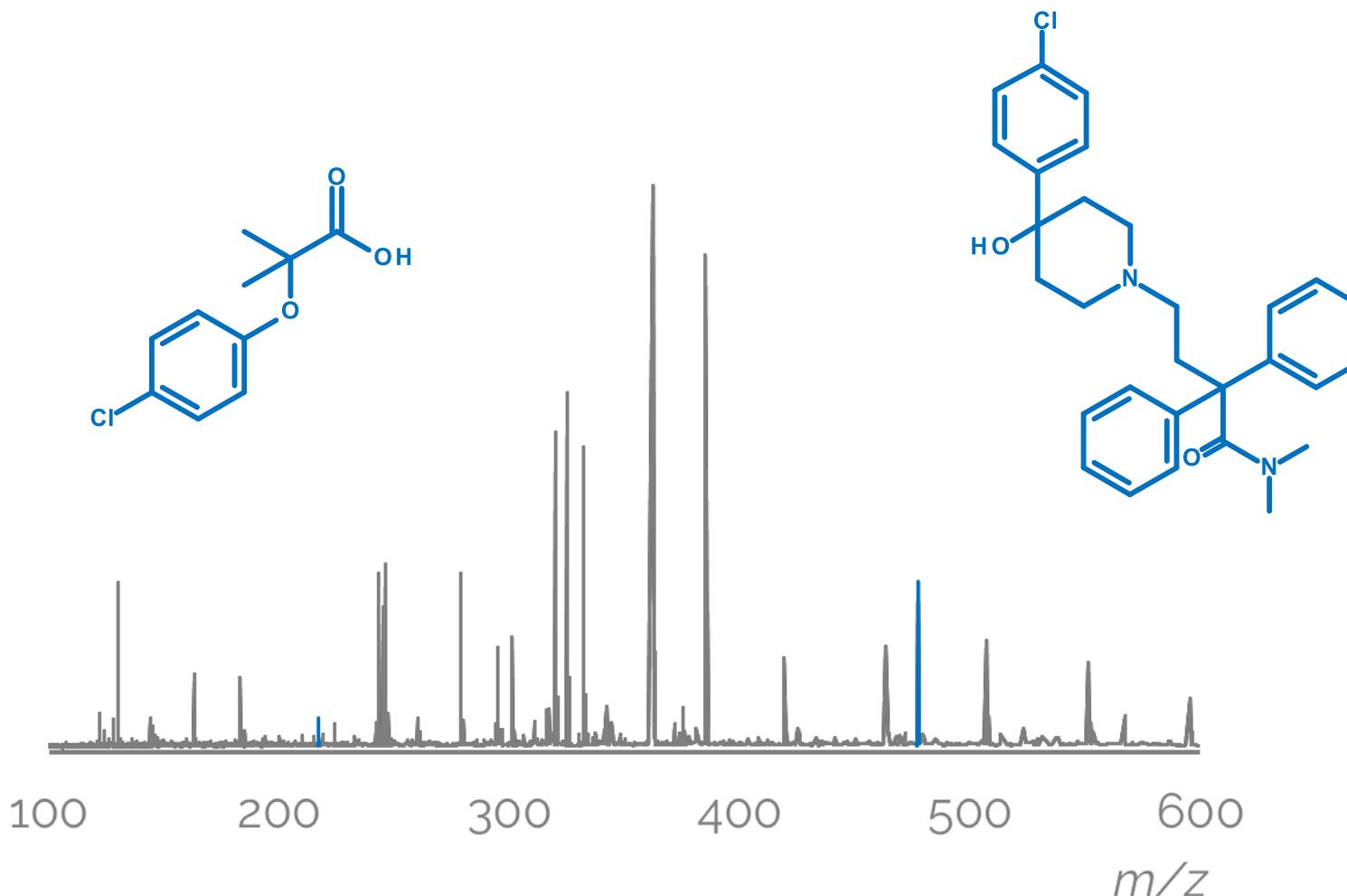
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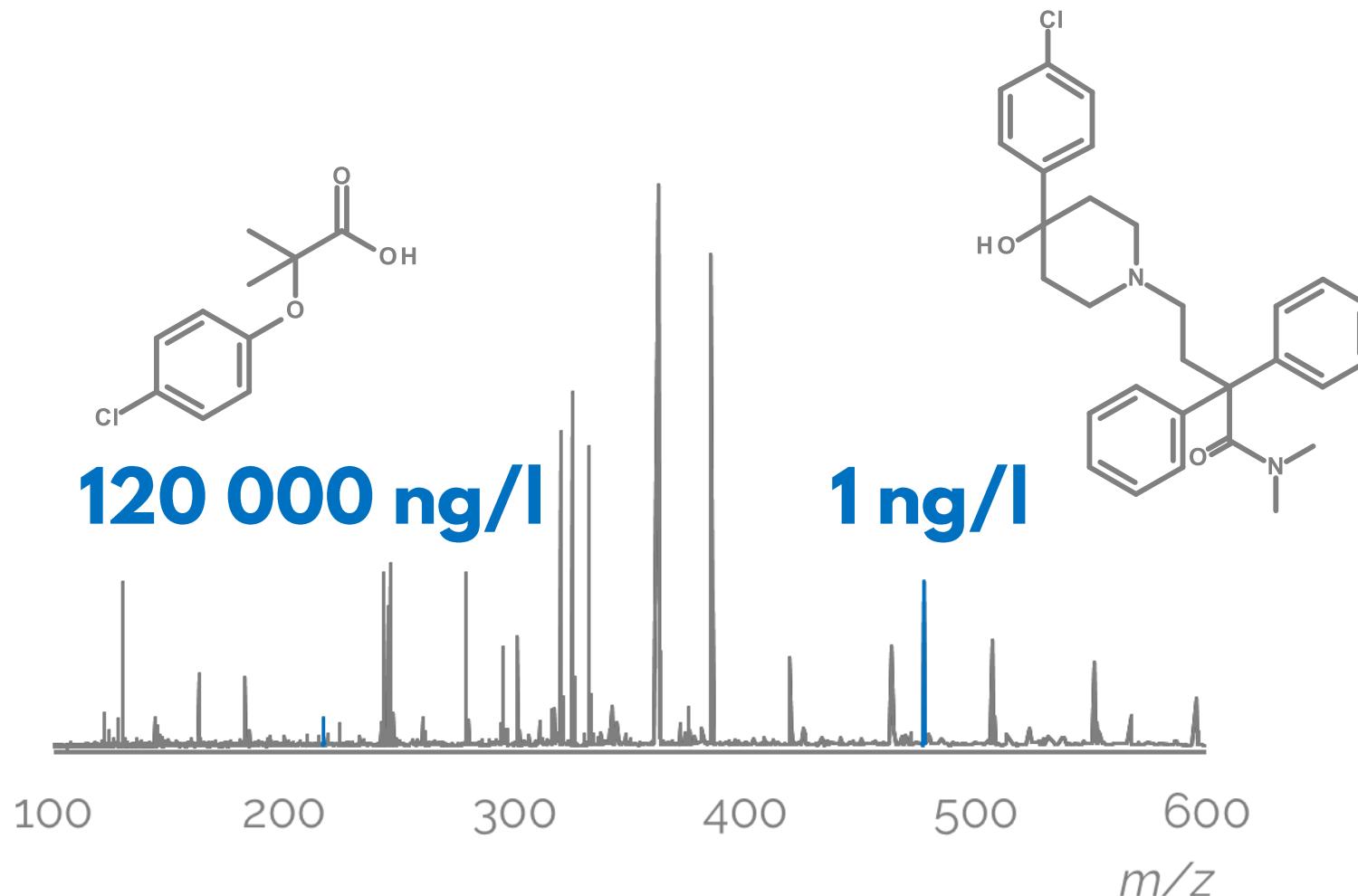
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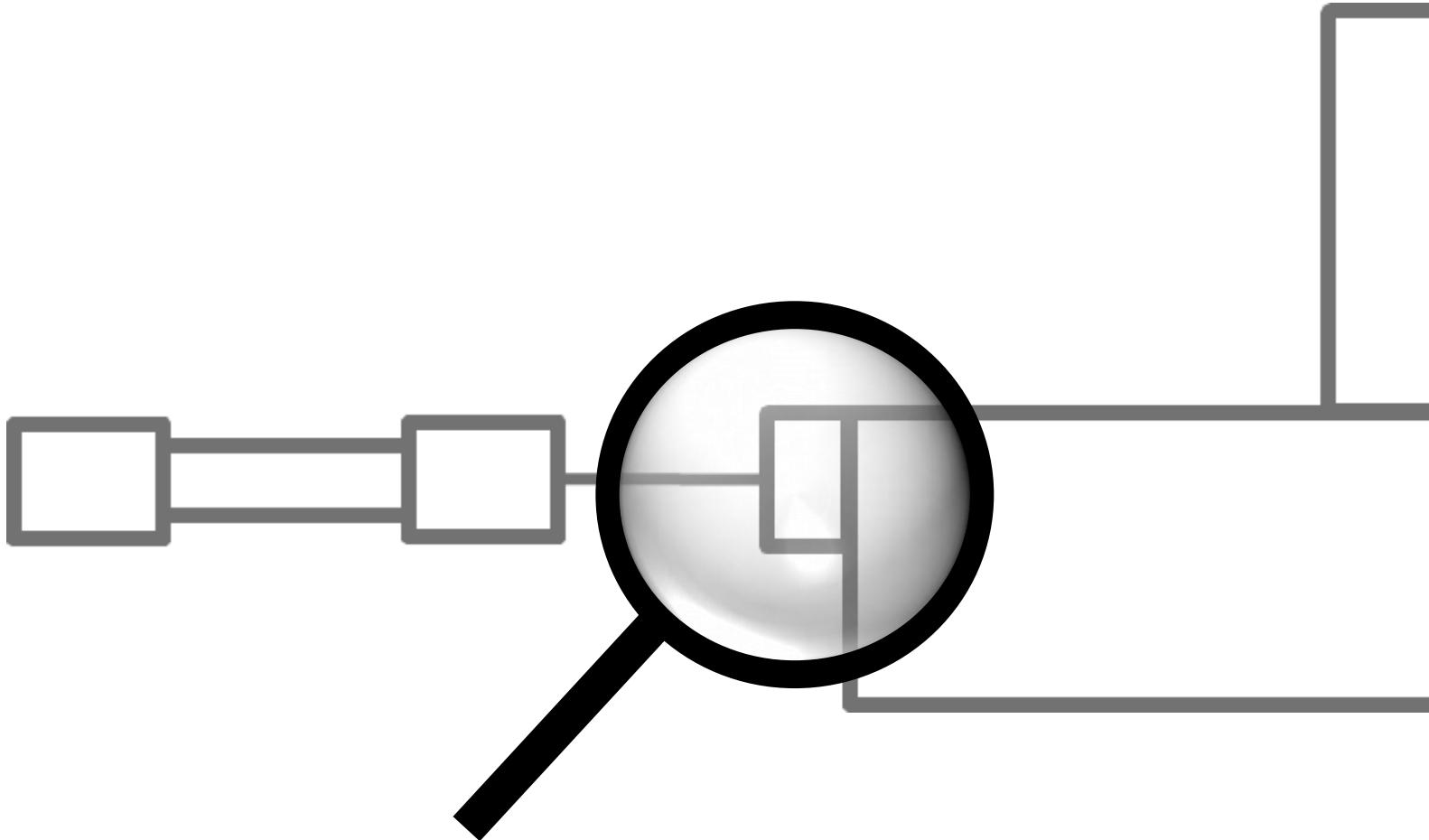
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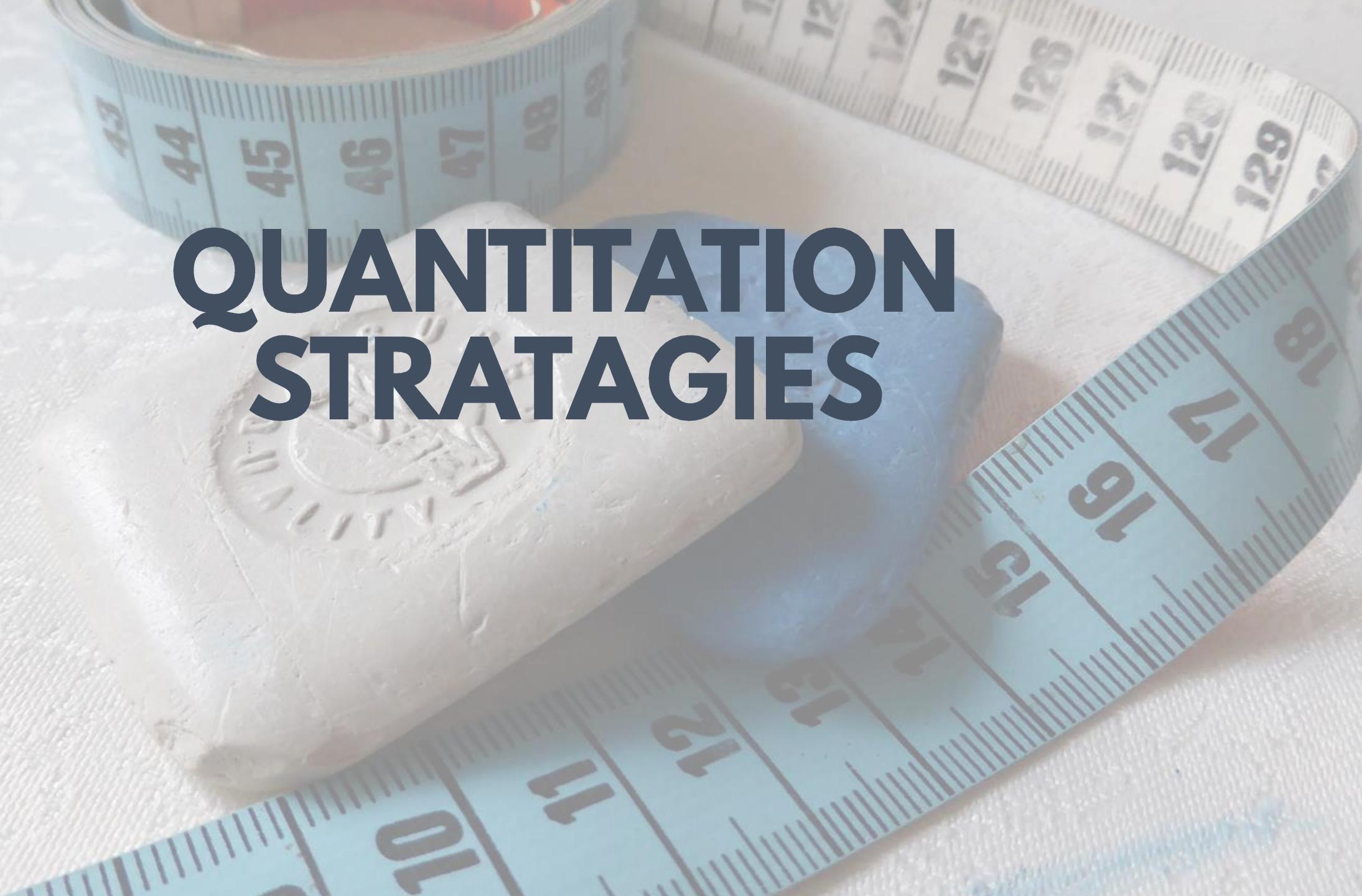
# SO WHAT IS THE CONCENTRATION?



# ELECTROSPRAY IONIZATION PROCESS



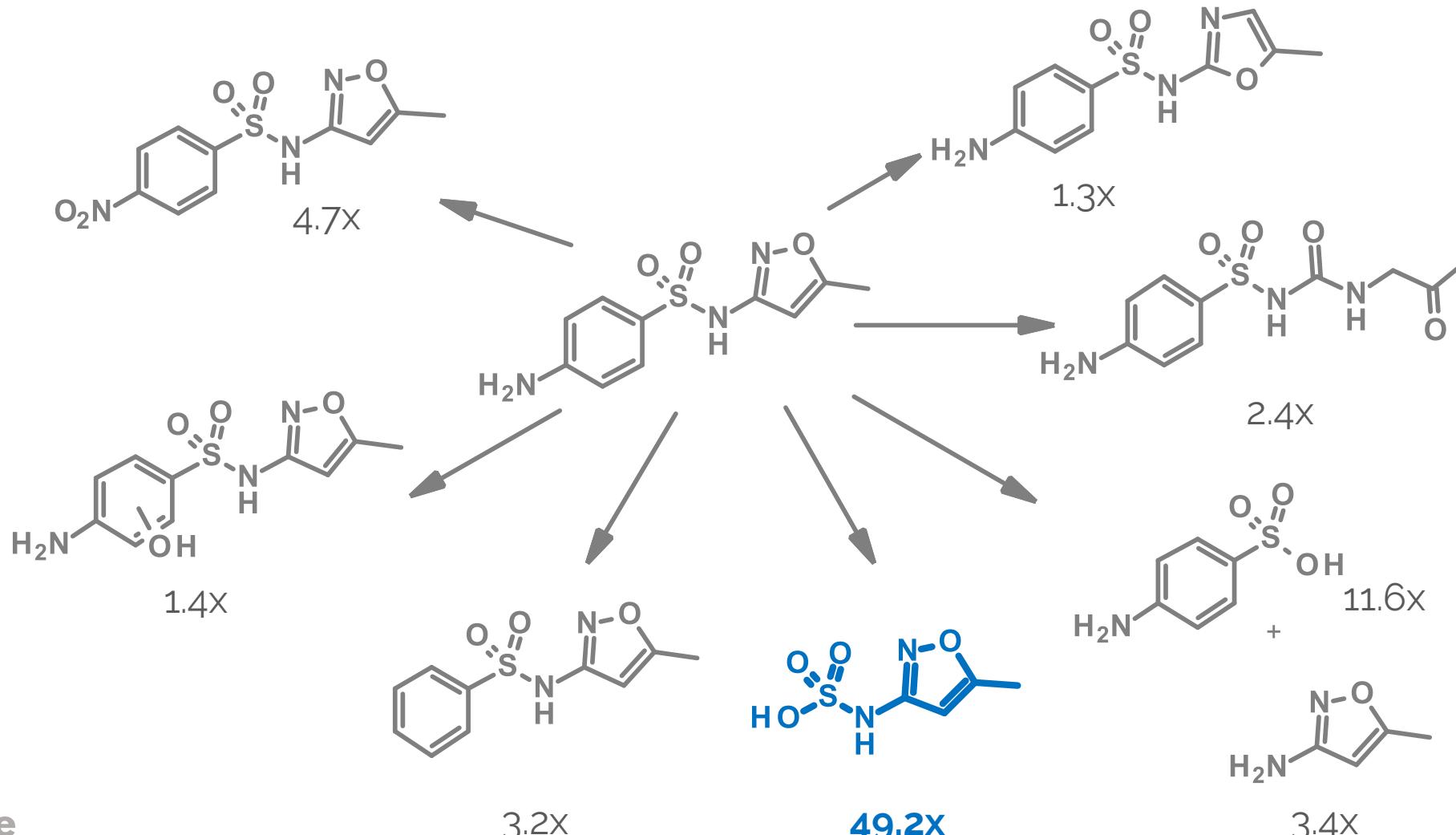
# QUANTITATION STRATEGIES



# PARENT COMPOUND

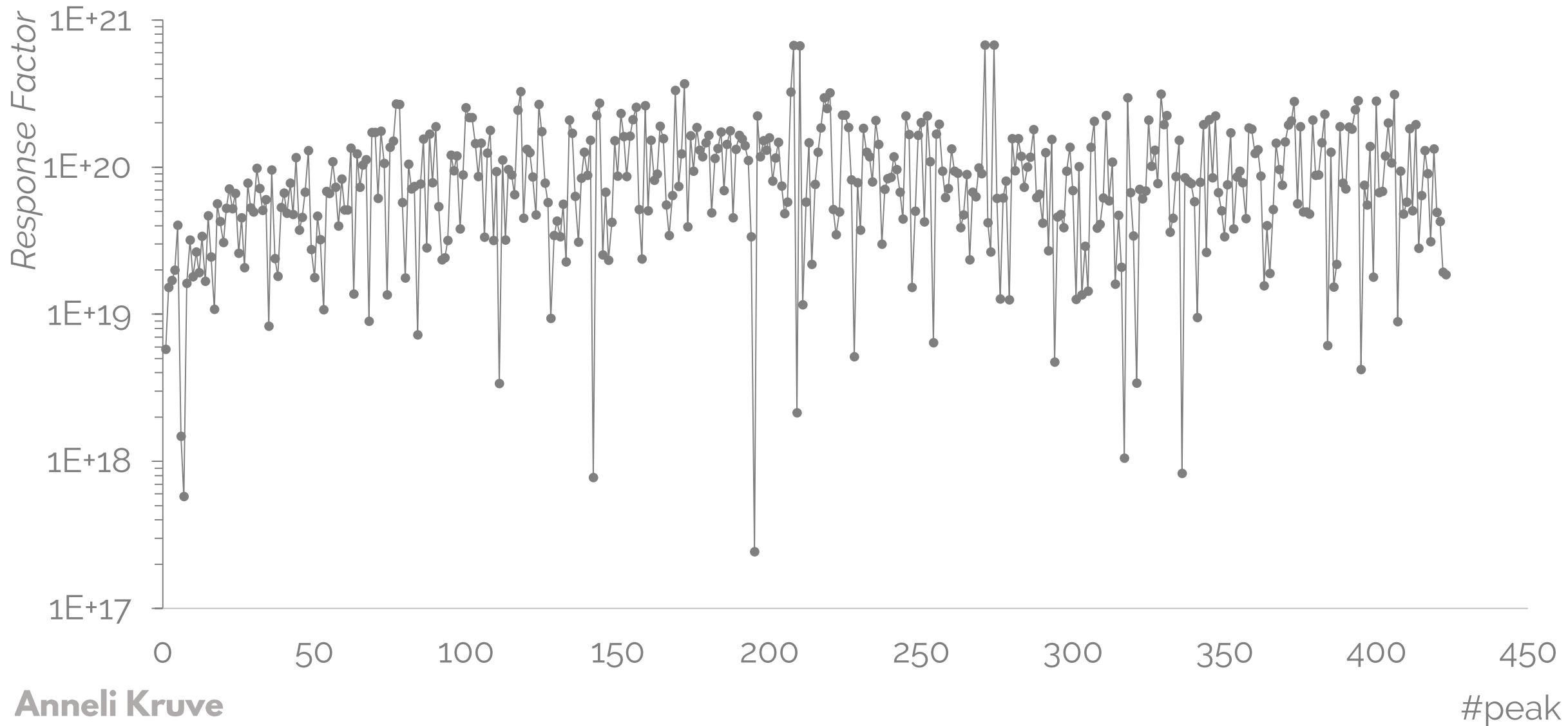
## FOR CALIBRATION

up to 50 times lower ionization efficiencies relative to parent drug



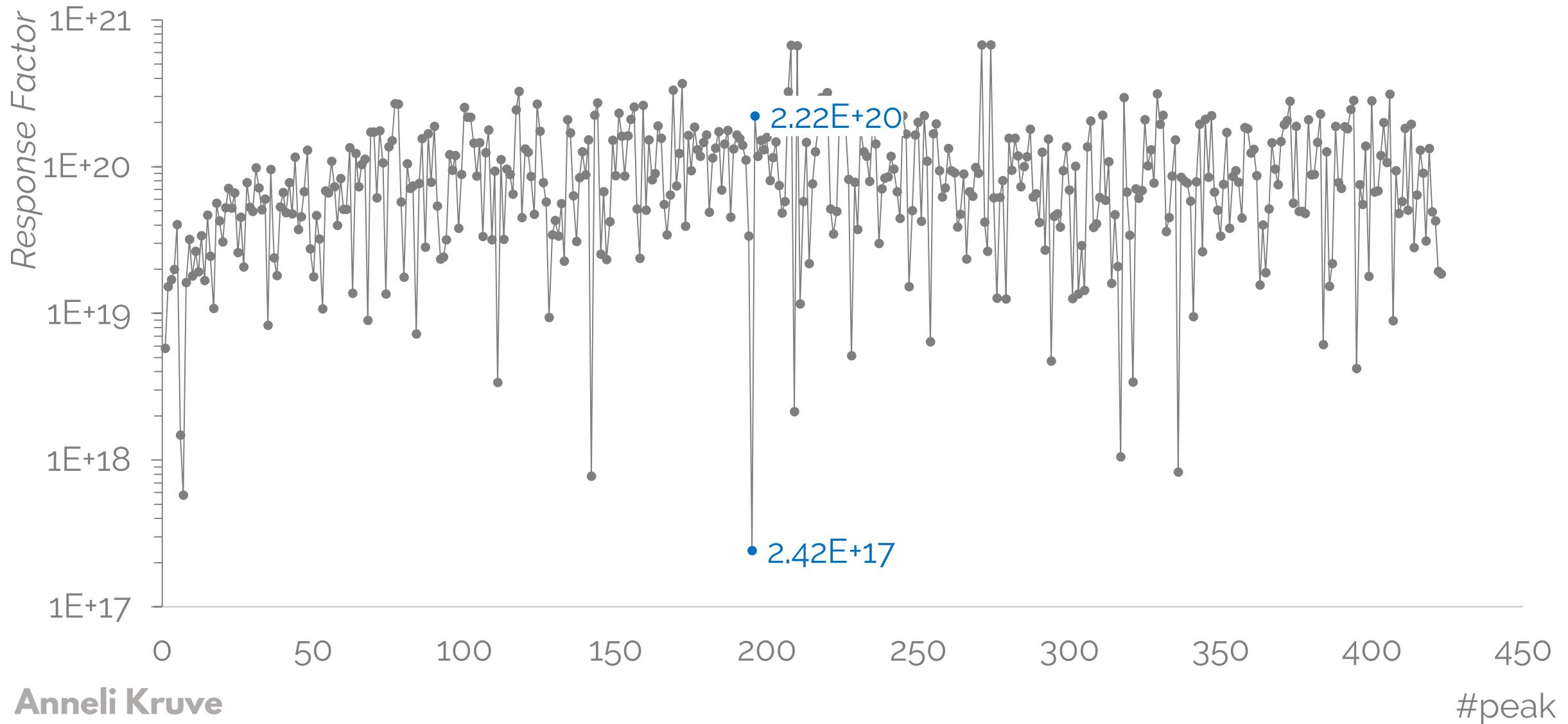
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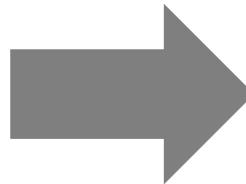
# **IONIZATION EFFICIENCY**

## **FOR ESI SOURCE**

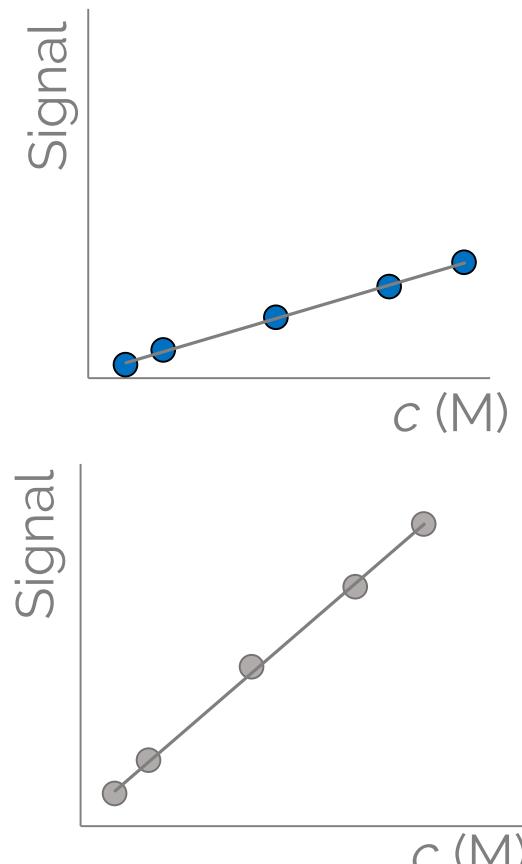
# IONIZATION EFFICIENCY

## RELATIVE MEASUREMENTS

flow injections



calibration graph



calculation

$$\frac{slope_1}{slope_2} \rightarrow IE$$

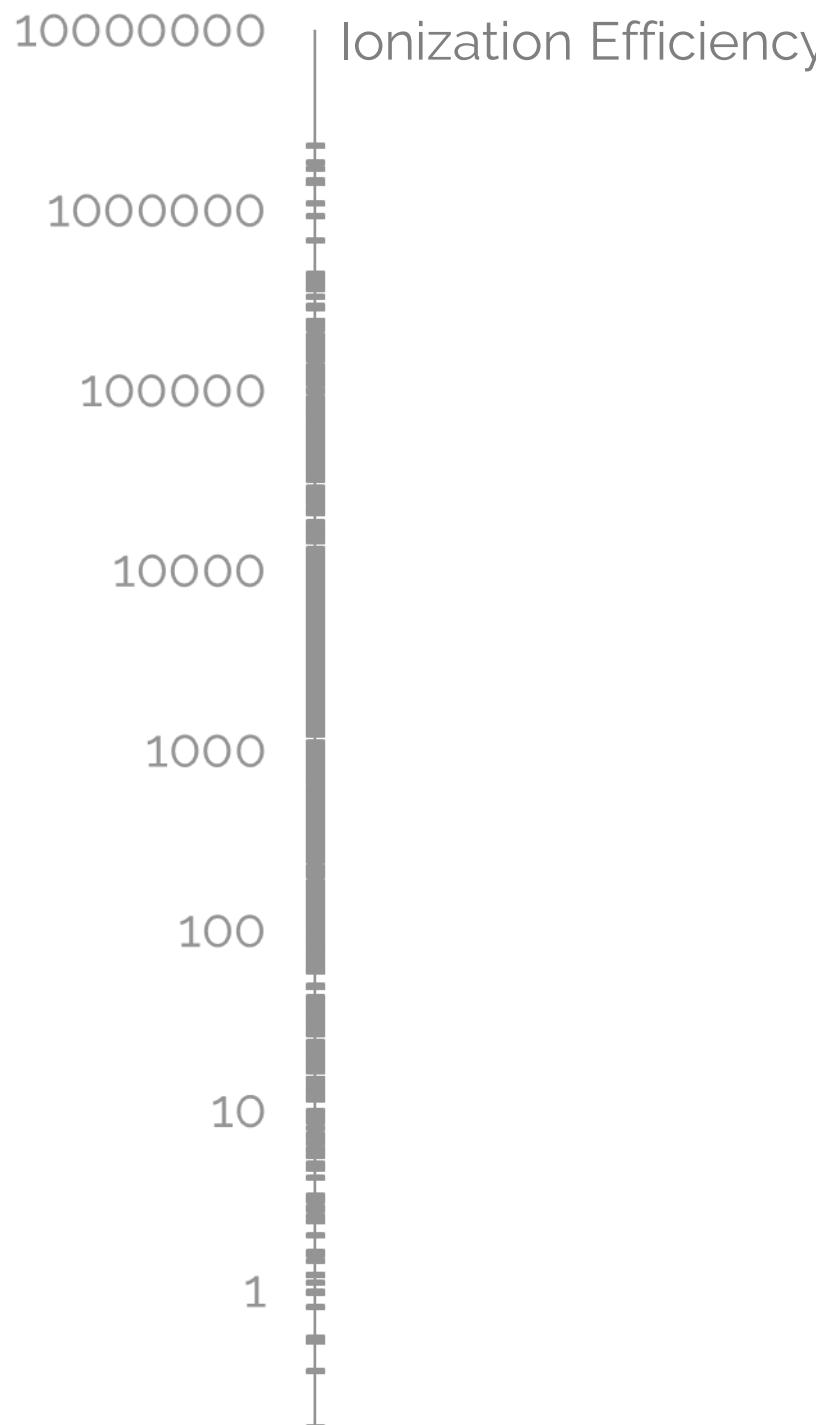
# IONIZATION EFFICIENCY

IS AFFECTED BY



# STRUCTURE

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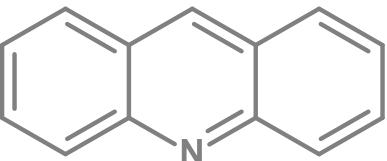


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## INTERPLAY BETWEEN PROPERTIES

$\log P$

3.40



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1000000

100000

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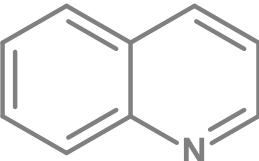
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Ionization Efficiency

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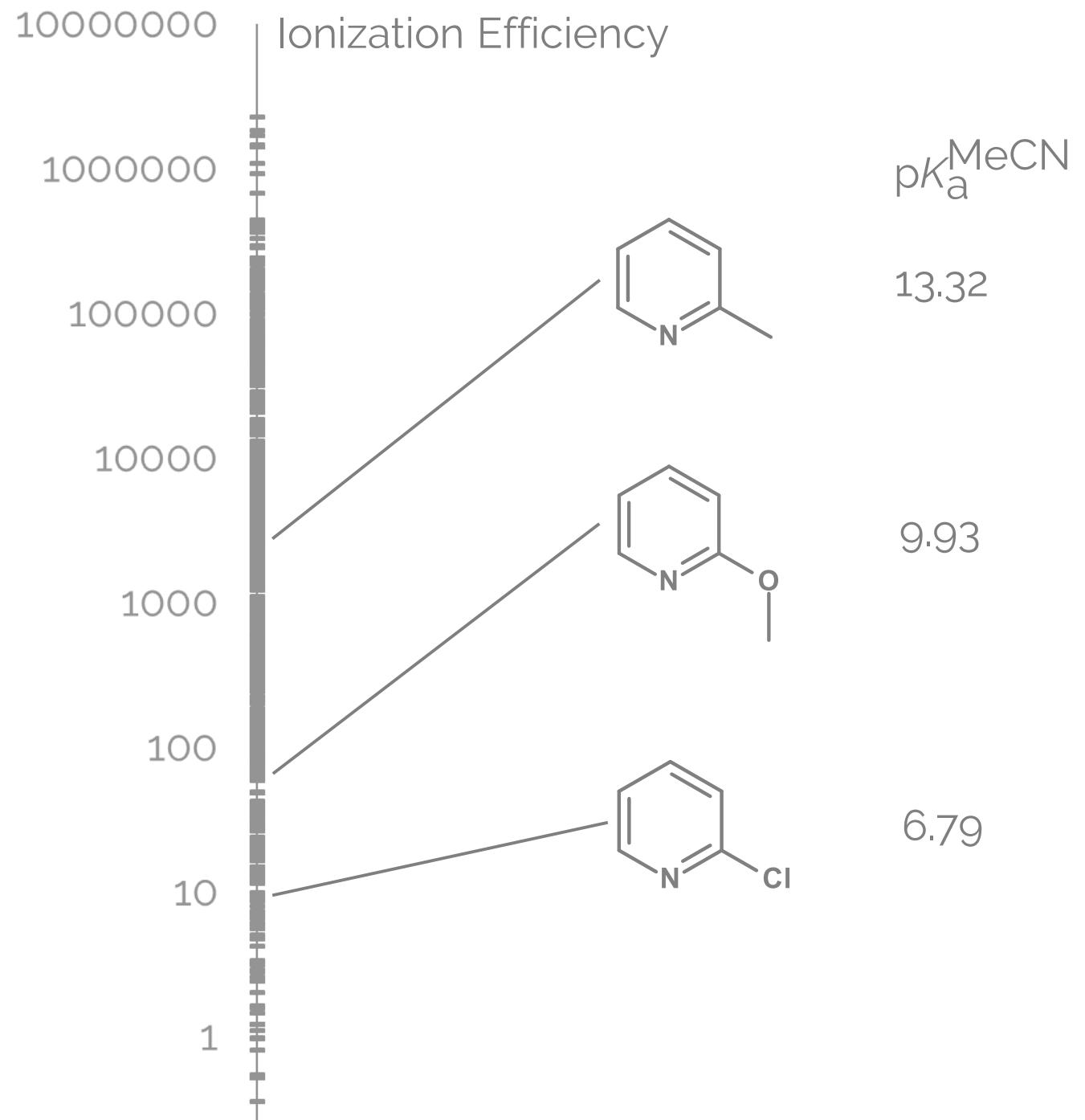


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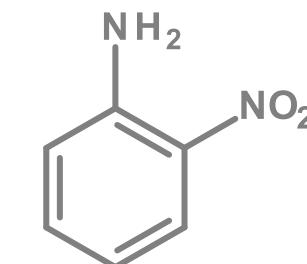
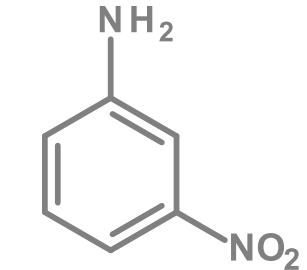
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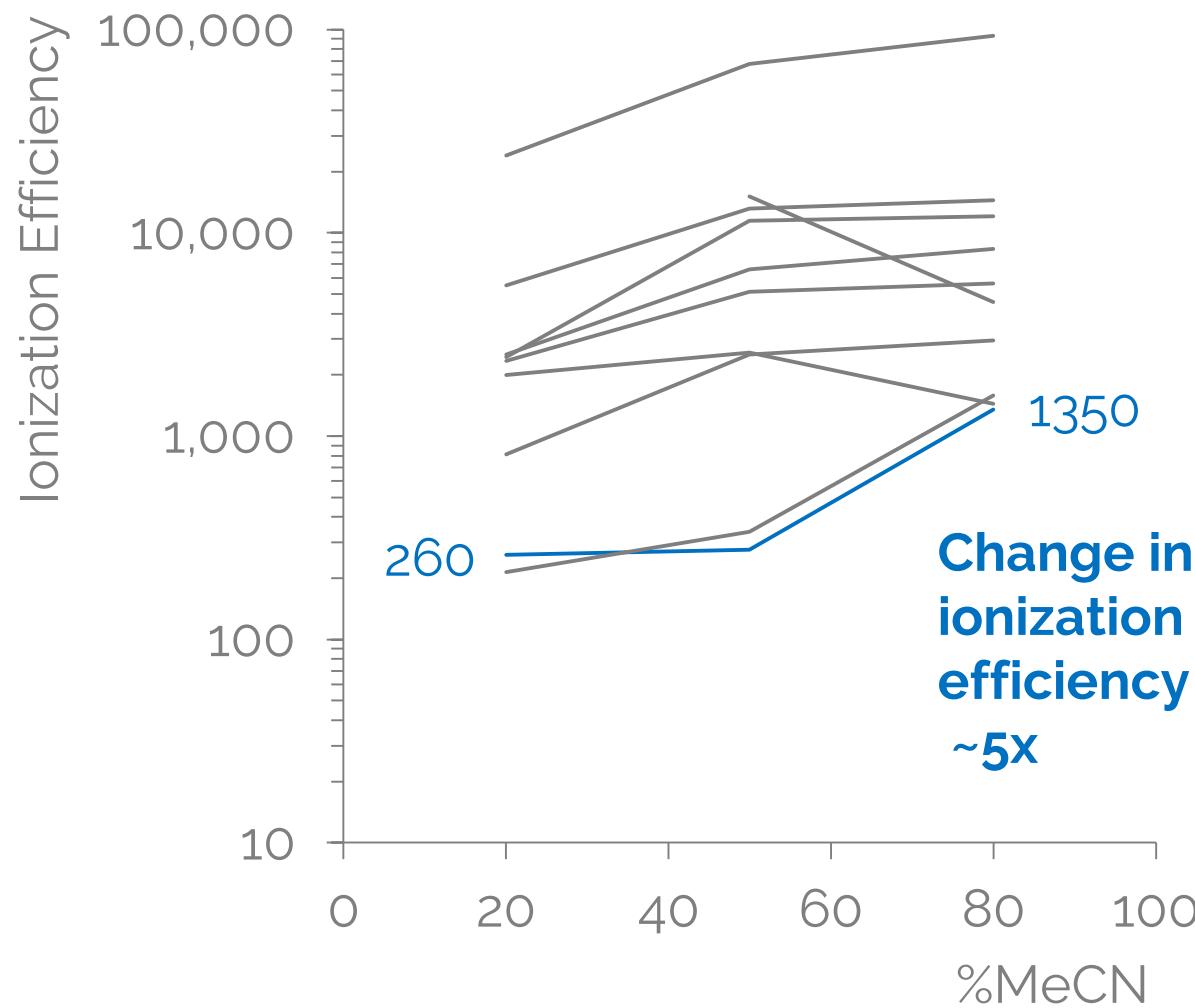
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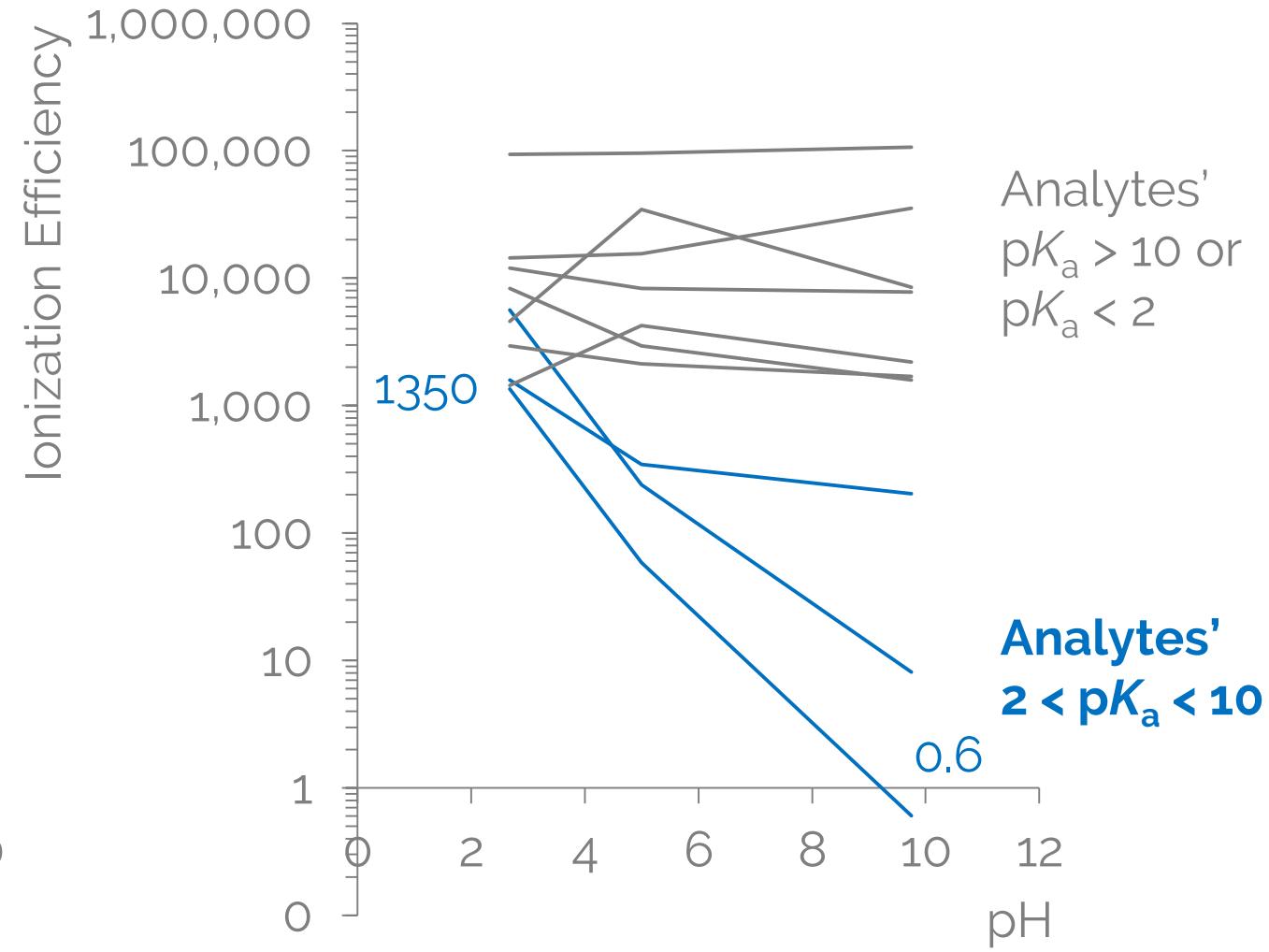
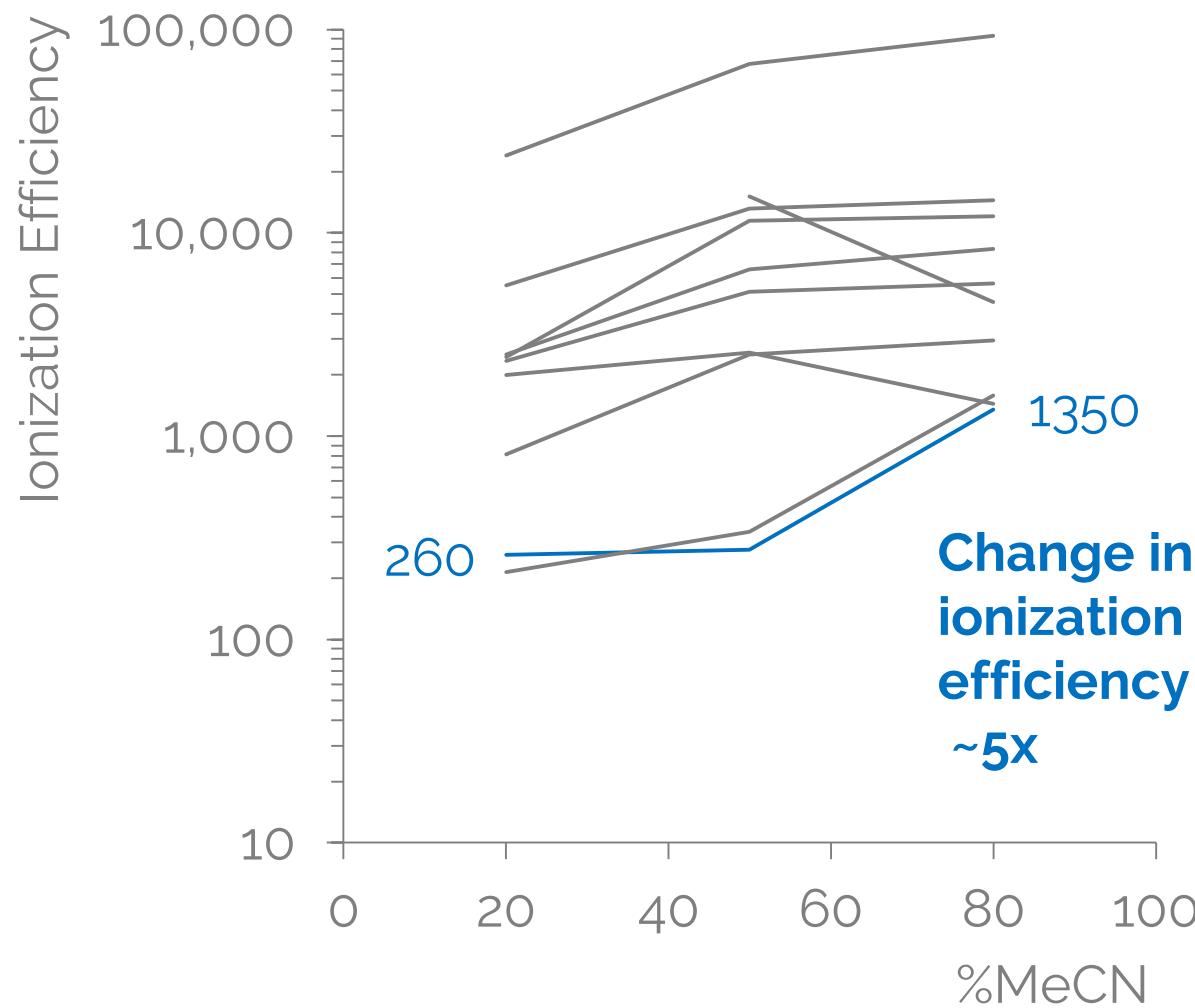
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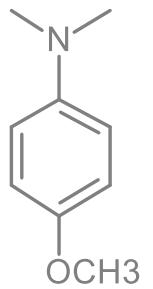
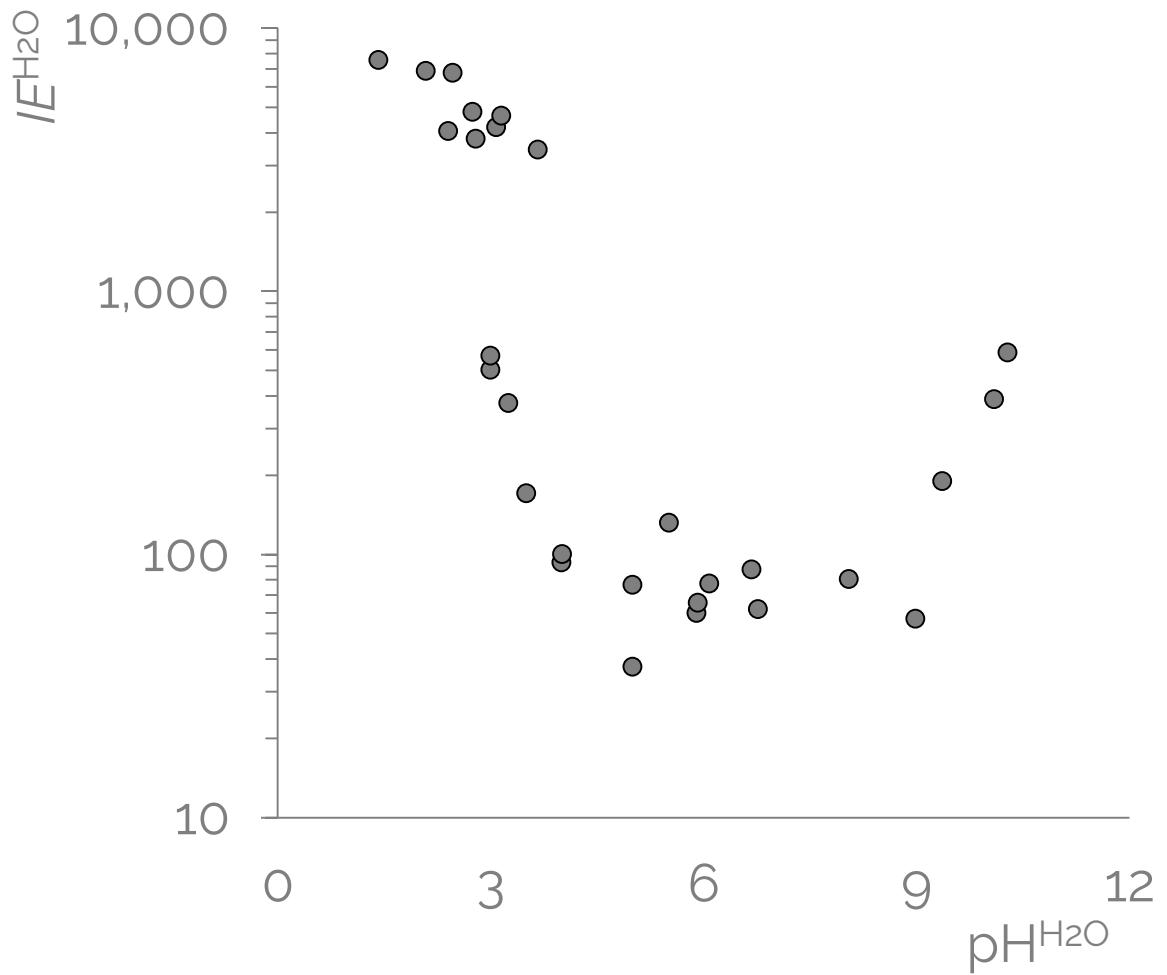
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# ADDITIVE EFFECT

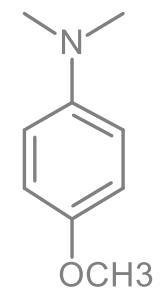
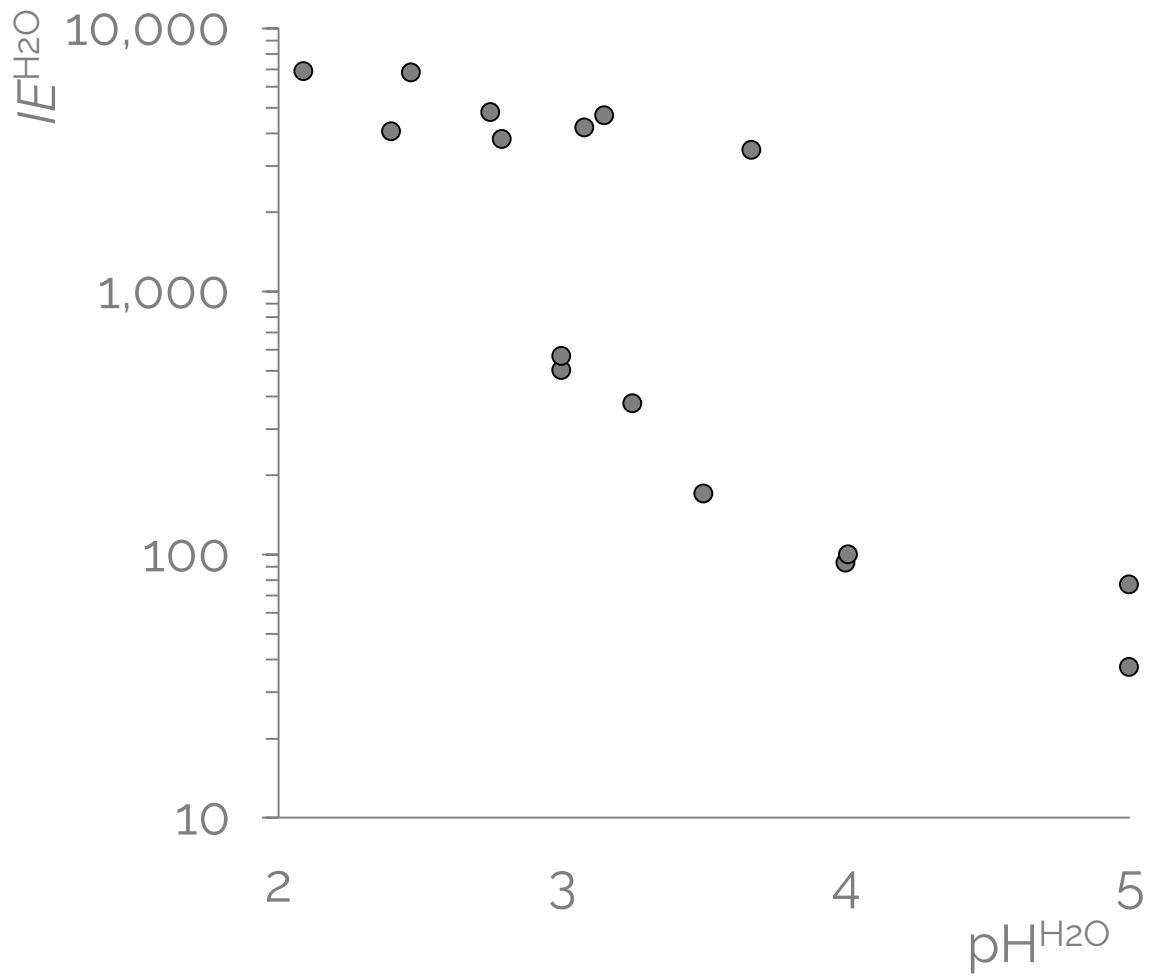
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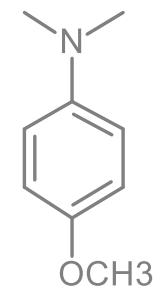
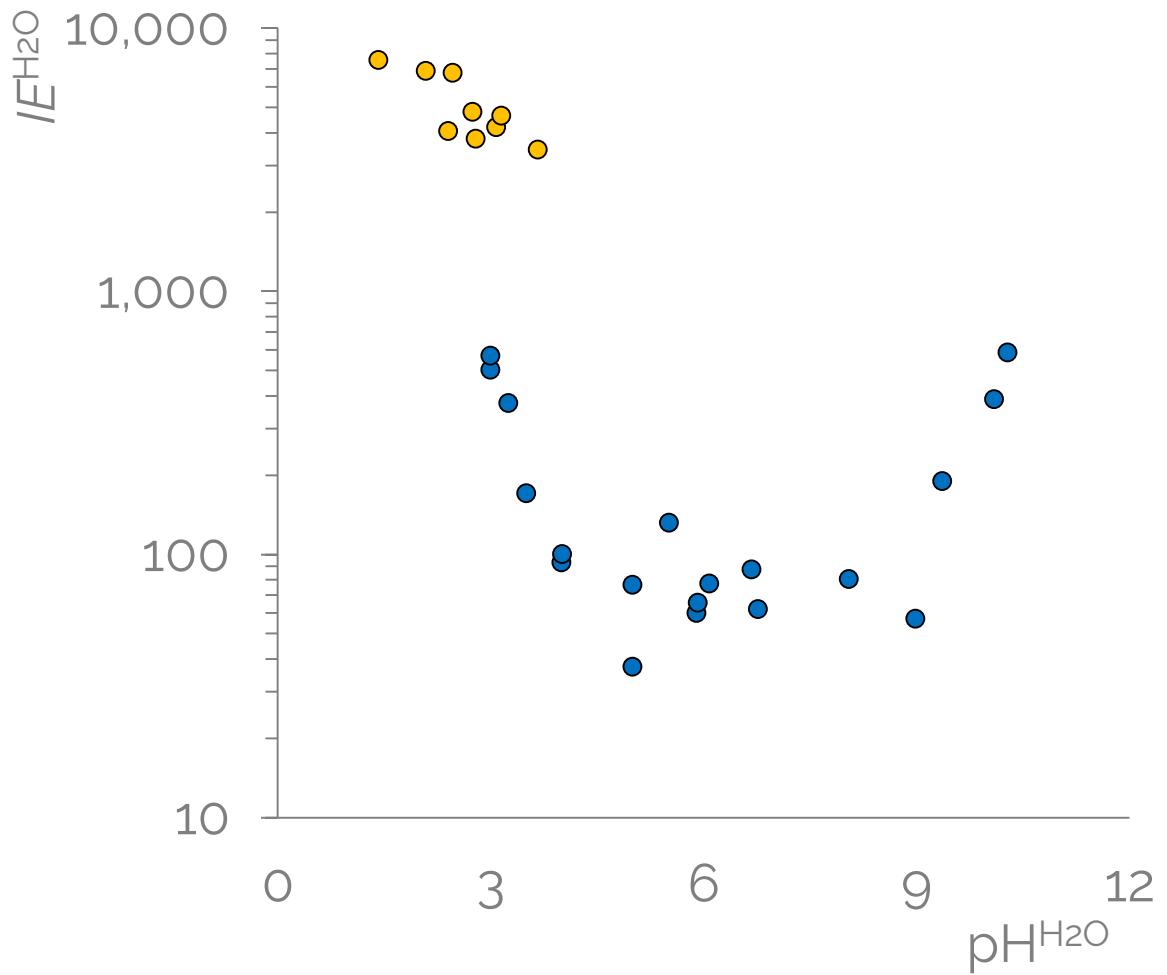
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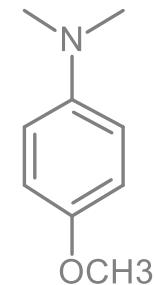
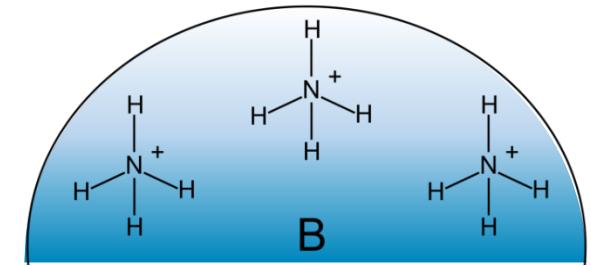
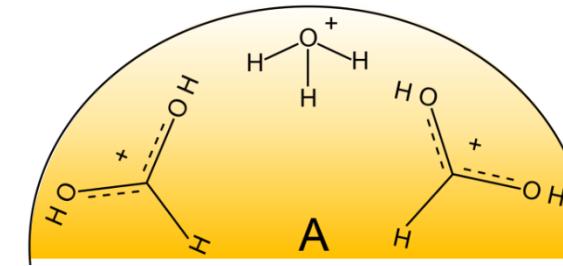
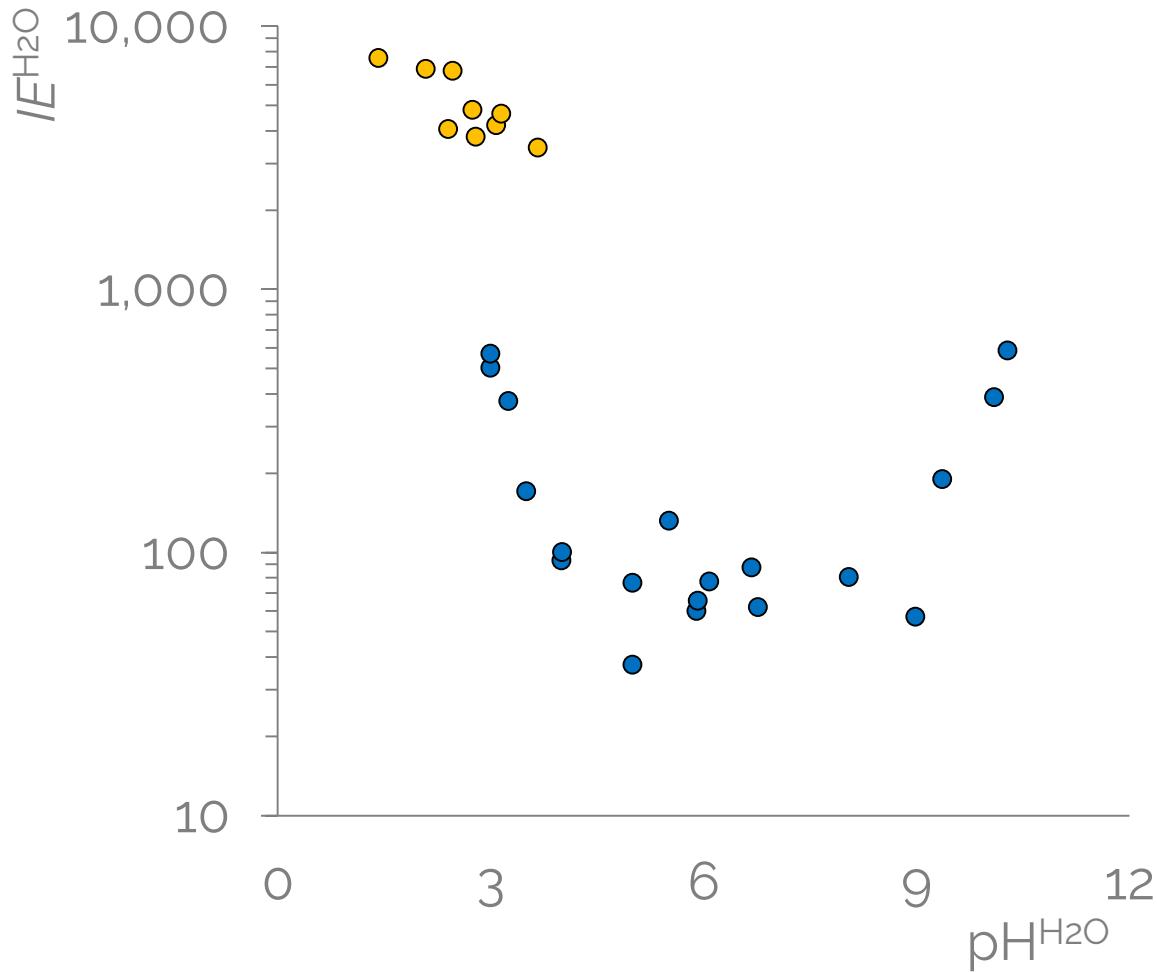
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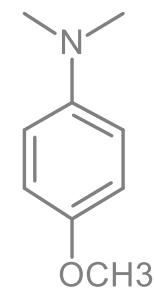
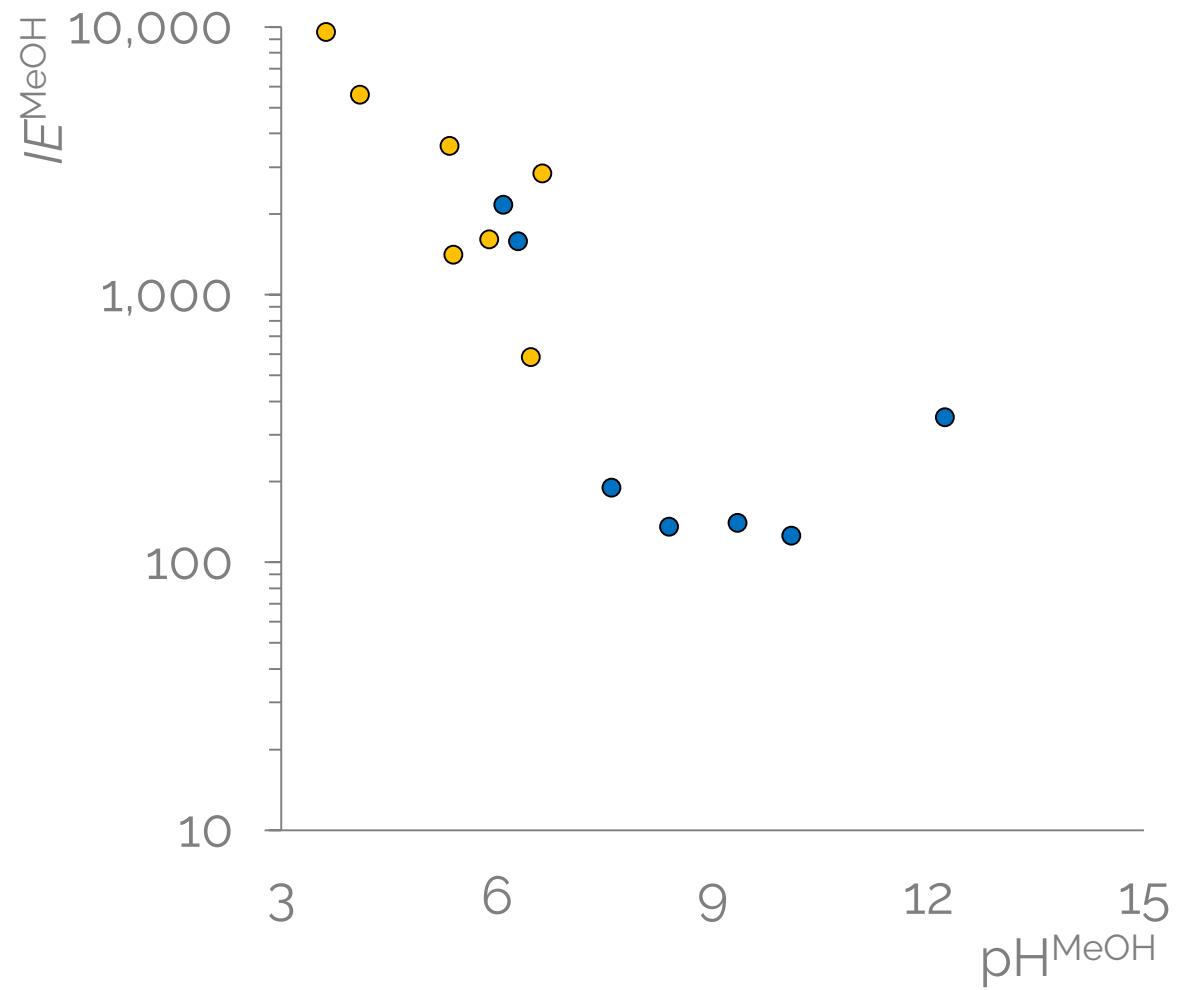
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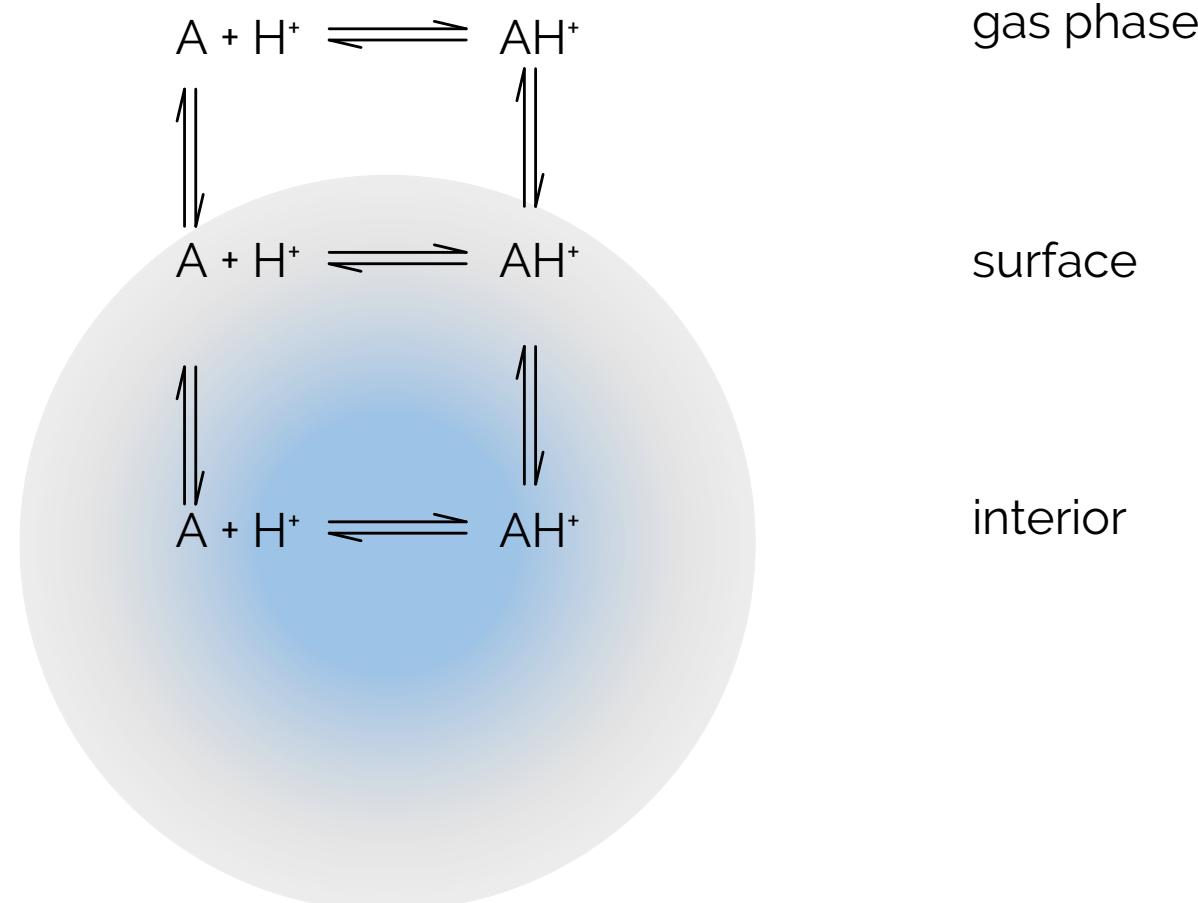
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## METHANOL DROPLETS



# UNDERSTANDING

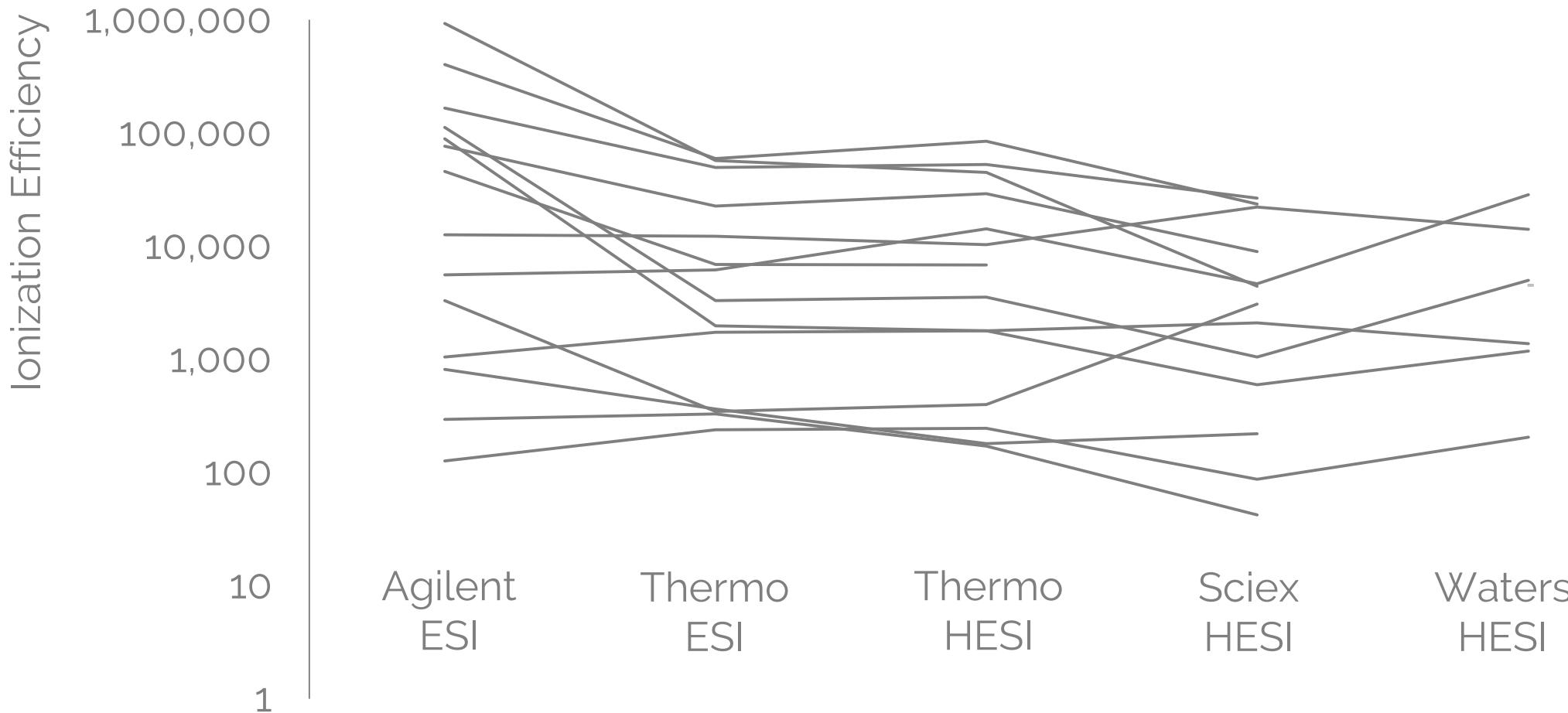
## THE MECHANISM



# INSTRUMENT

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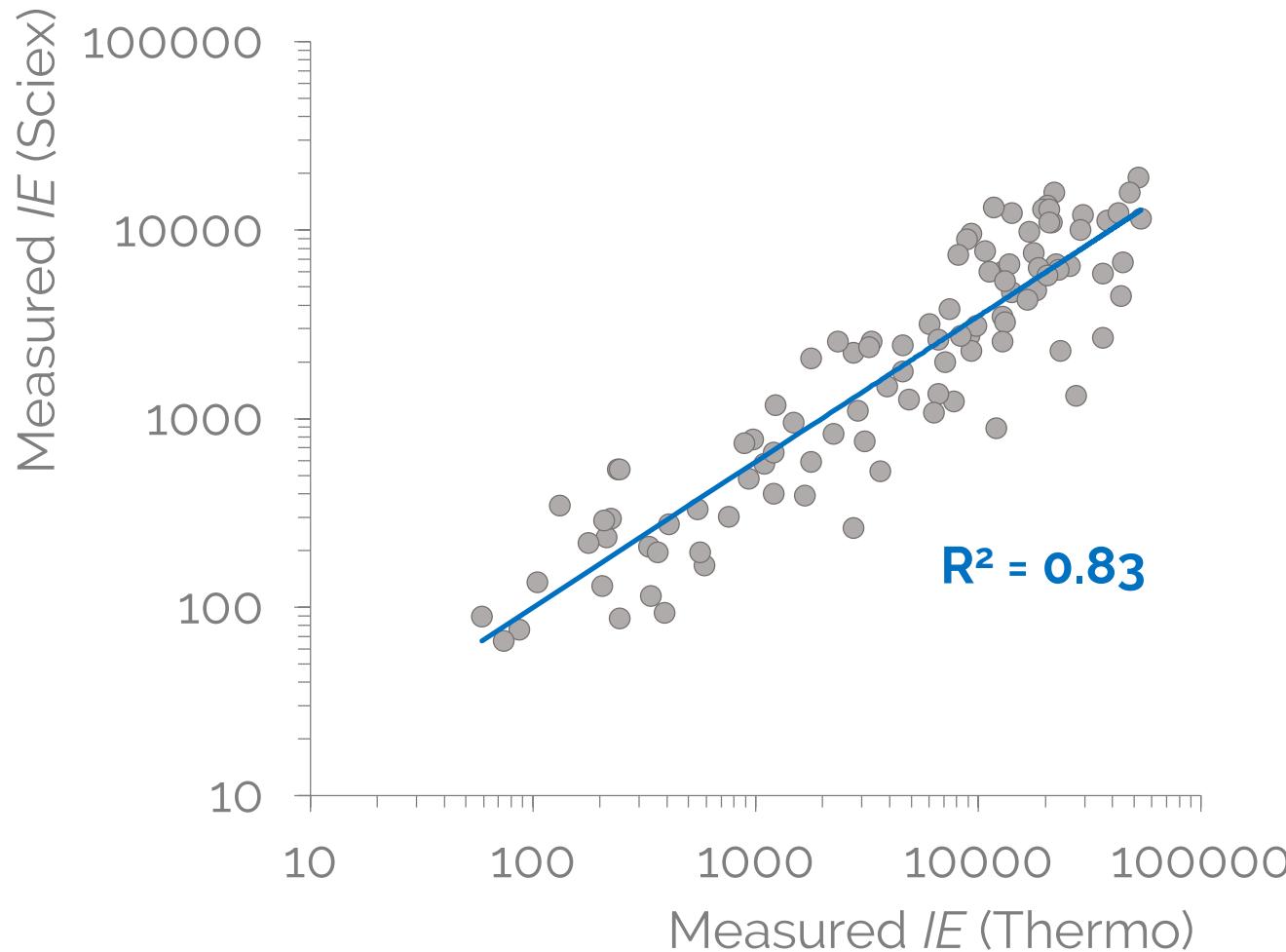
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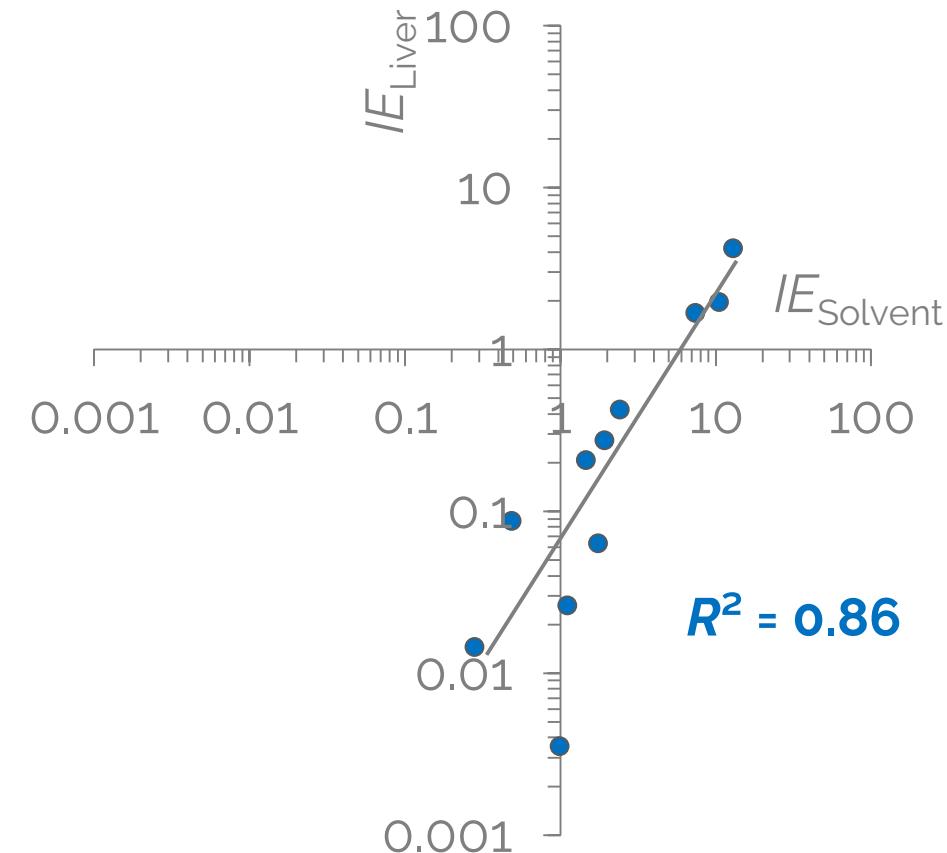
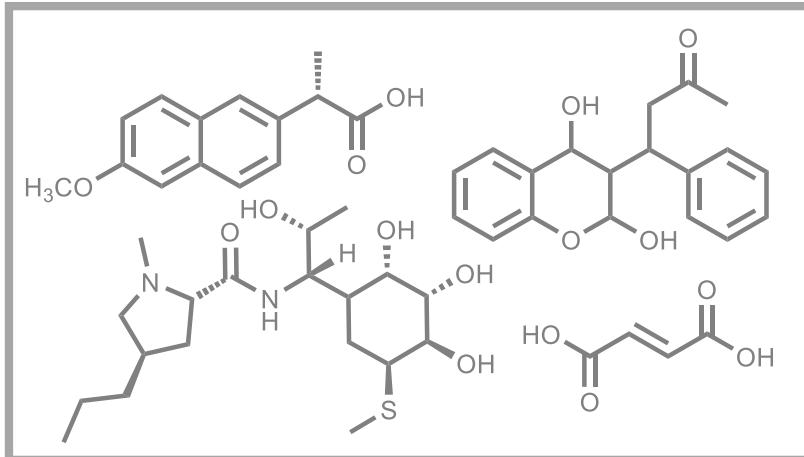
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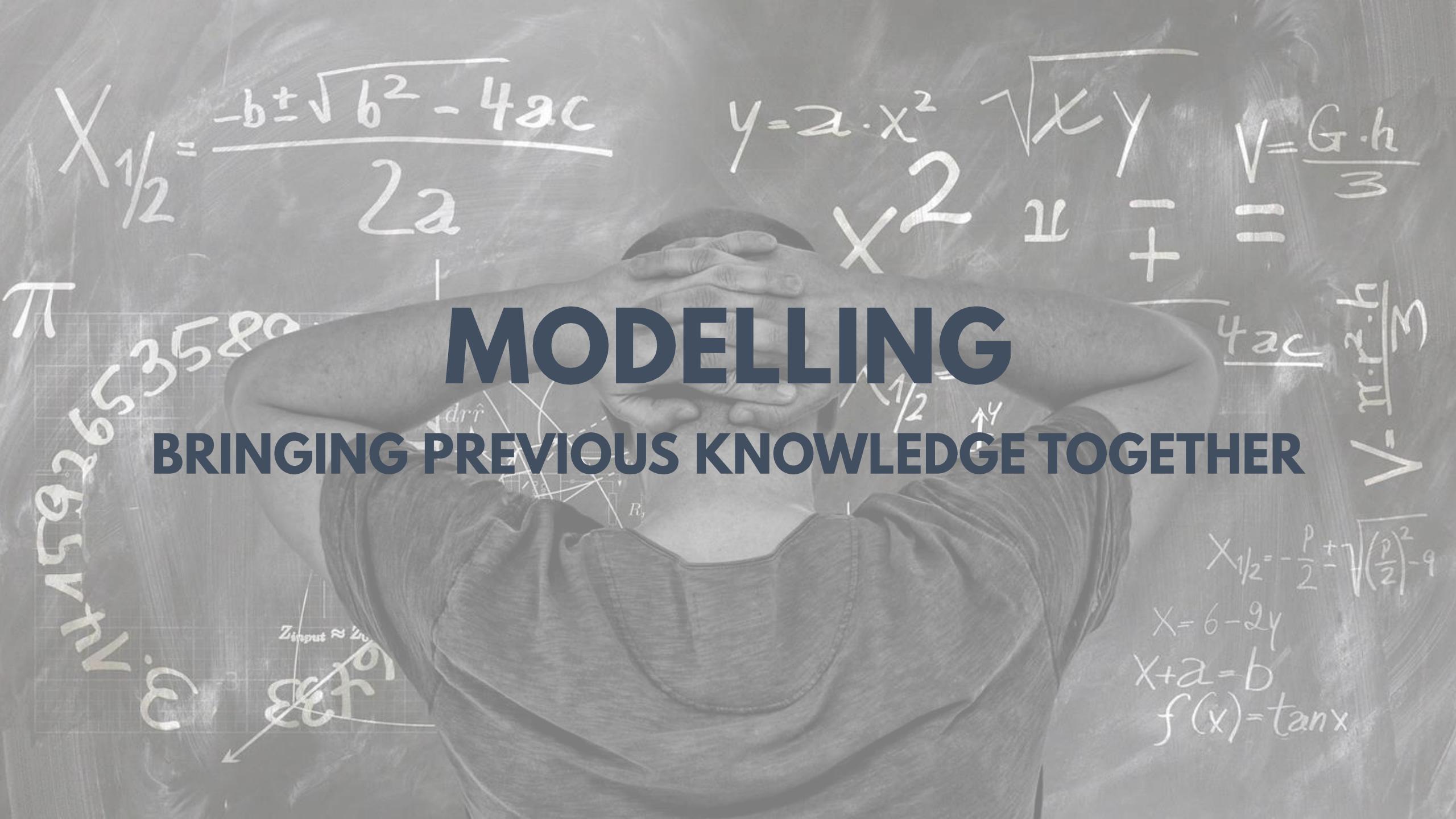


# BIOLOGICAL MATRICES

## SUPPRESS IONIZATION EFFICIENCY

good correlation with ionization efficiencies in solvent





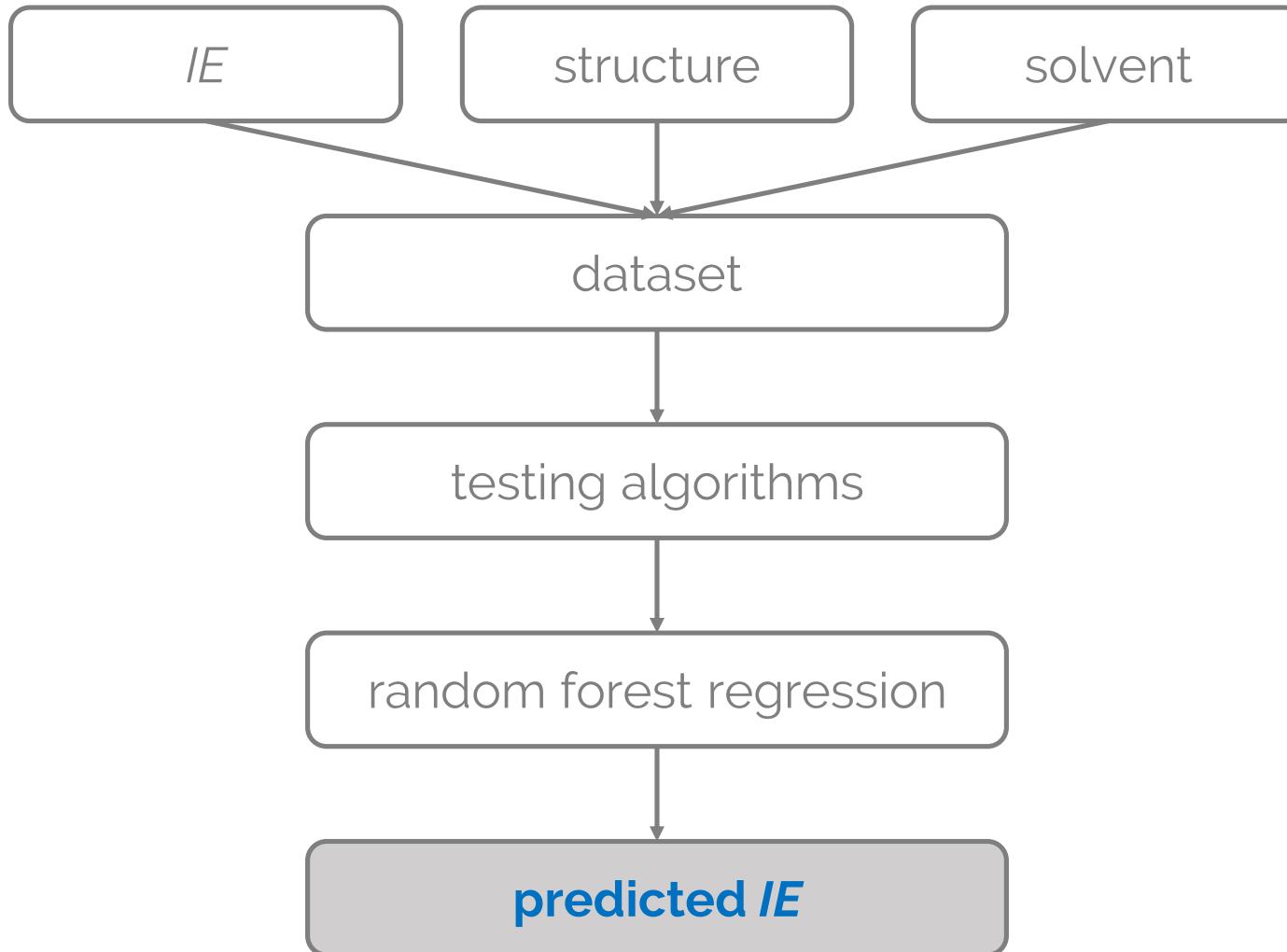
# MODELLING

## BRINGING PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE TOGETHER

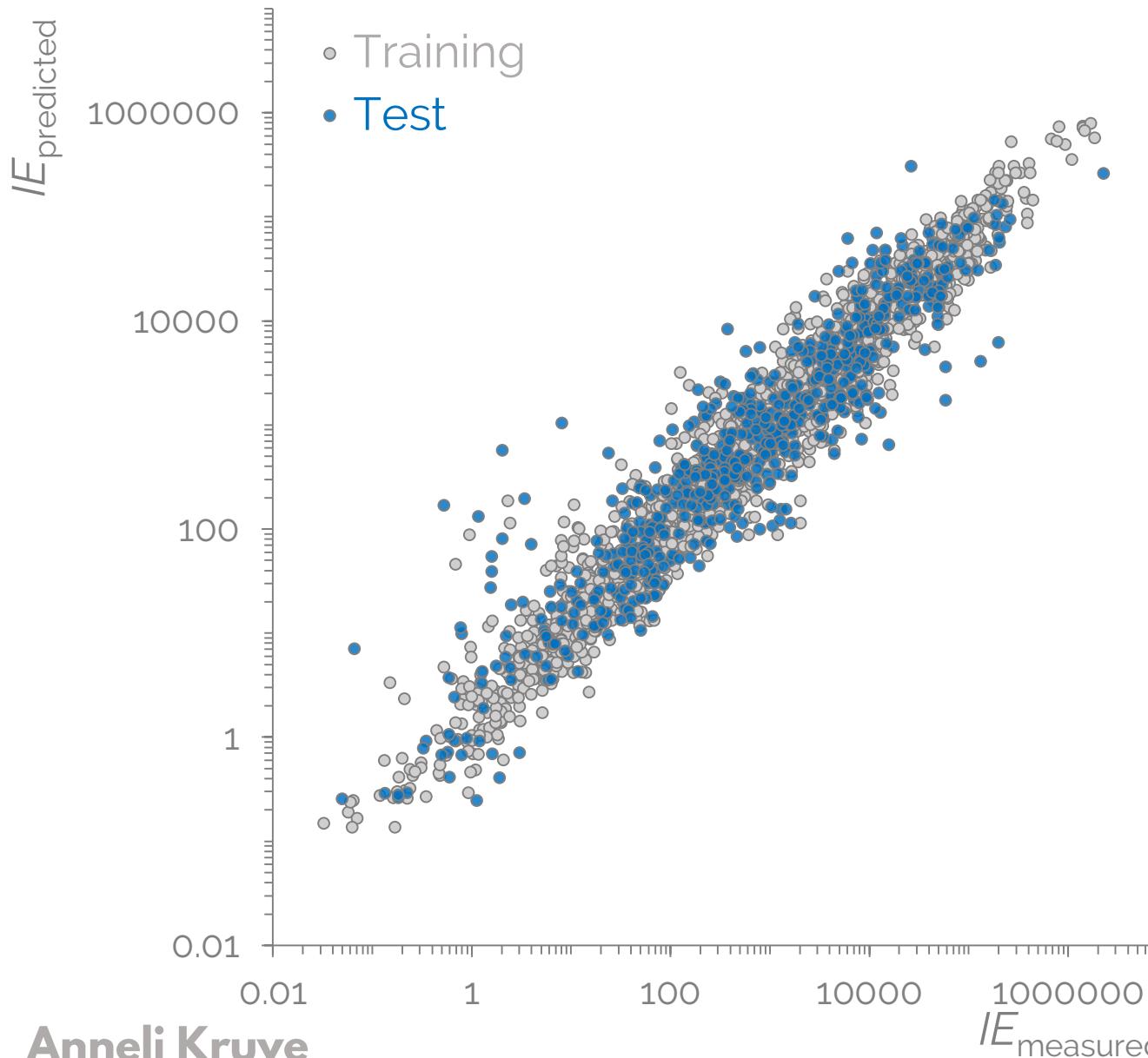
# MACHINE LEARNING



# MODELLING OF IONIZATION



# PREDICTIONS IN ESI+



3139 data points  
353 small molecules  
106 eluent compositions  
MeCN/MeOH  
0 – 100%  
pH = 2.0 – 10.7

**Prediction error**  
Training set **1.9x**  
Test set **3.0x**

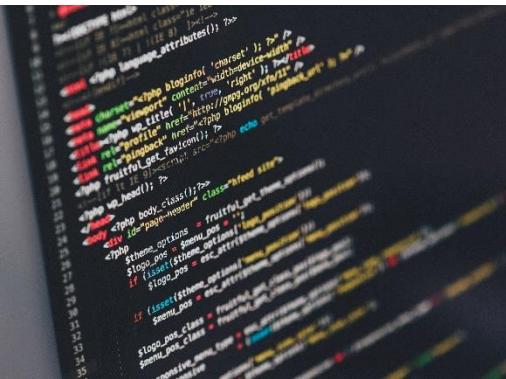
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FOR QUANTIFICATION

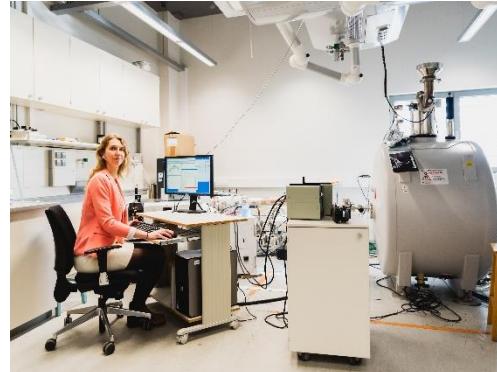
in any given lab on any given instrument

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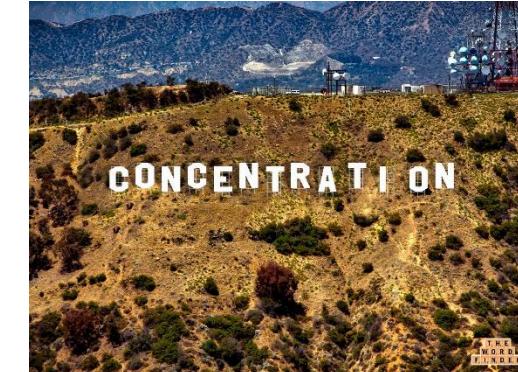
predict



transfer



calculate





# **CONCENTRATIONS PESTICIDES IN CEREALS**

# SAMPLES

## PESTICIDES AND MYCOTOXINES

in oat, barley, rye, wheat, rice, maize

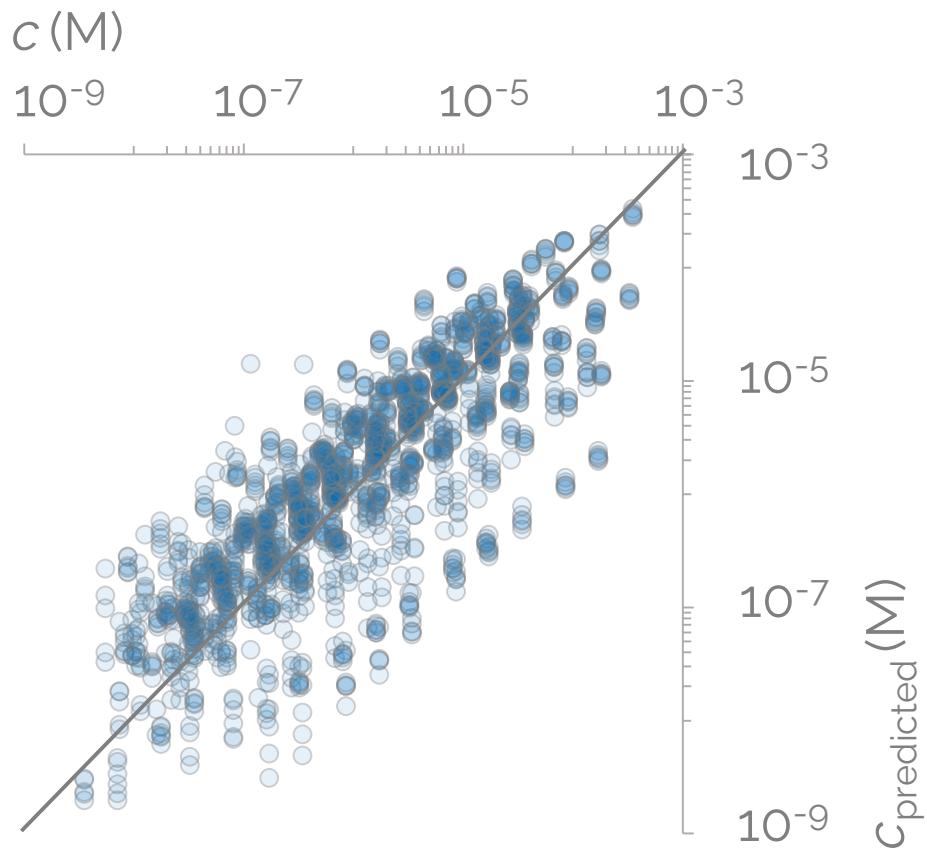


35 compounds + compounds with known concentration  
concentrations 3.6 nM – 0.35 mM  
measured on a QQQ

# QUANTIFICATION

## VALIDATION

for 35 pesticides in cereal samples



2233 data points

Mean prediction error 5.3x

89% of points with accuracy better than 10 fold

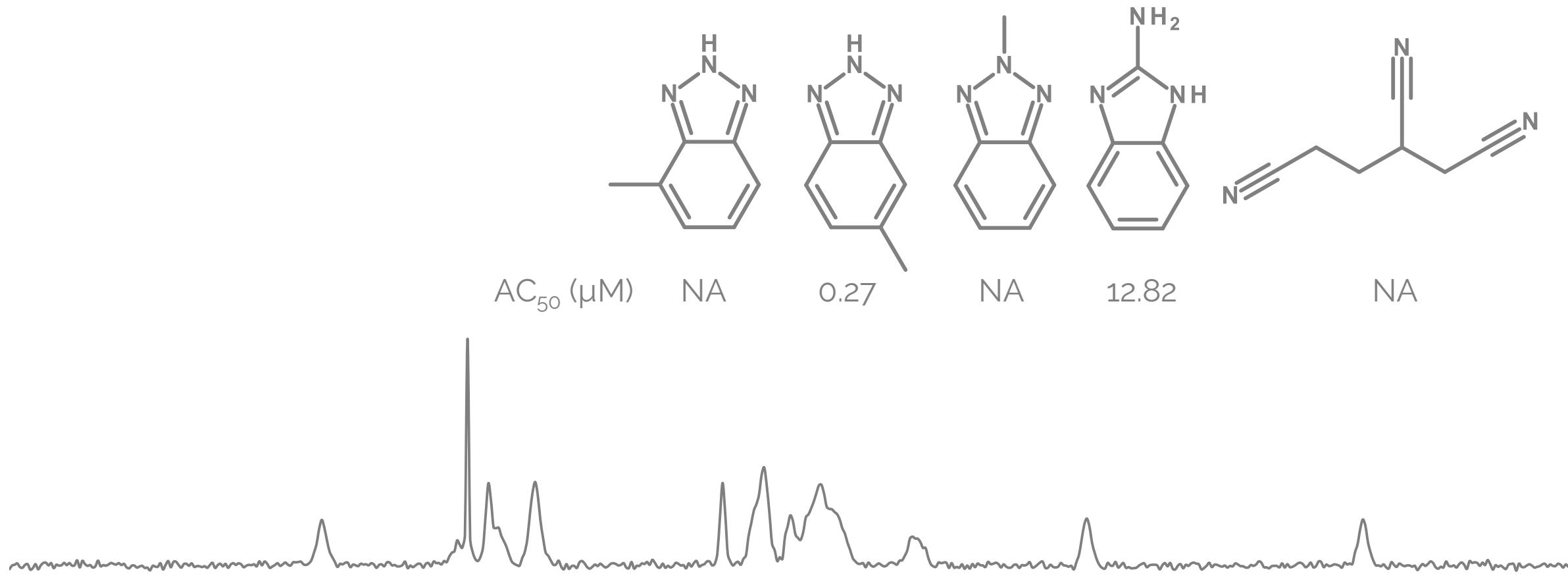
# **CONCENTRATIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS**



# PRIORITIZATION

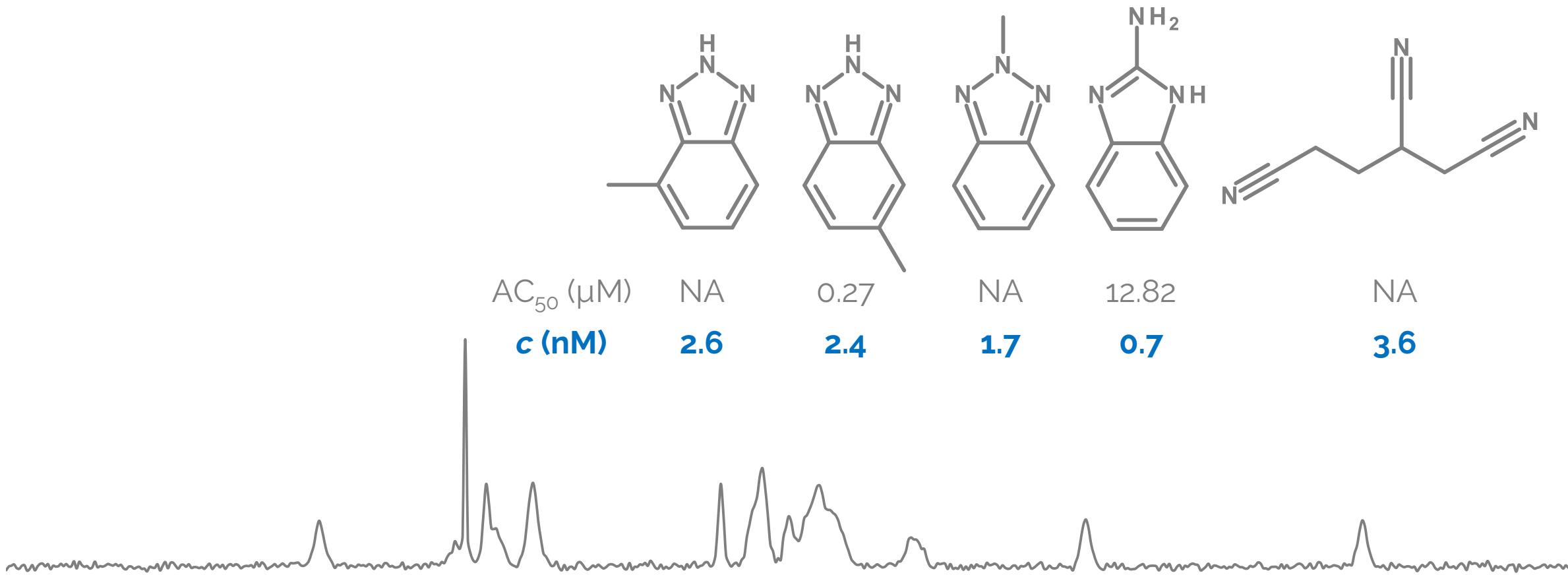
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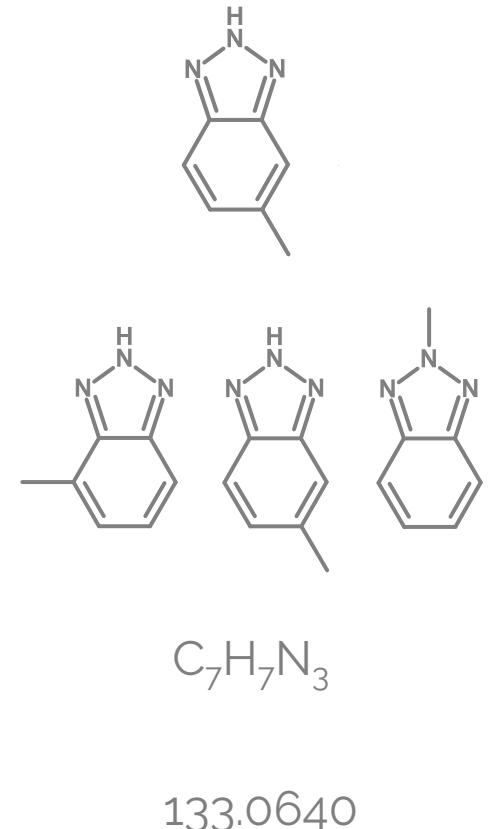
# QUANTIFICATION

## PREDICTED CONCENTRATION



# IDENTIFICATION LEVELS

## Example



## Identification confidence

Level 1: Confirmed structure by reference standard

## Minimum data requirements

MS, MS<sup>2</sup>, RT, Reference Std.

Level 2: Probable structure  
a) by library spectrum match  
b) by diagnostic evidence

MS, MS<sup>2</sup>, Library MS<sup>2</sup>  
MS, MS<sup>2</sup>, Exp. data

Level 3: Tentative candidate(s)  
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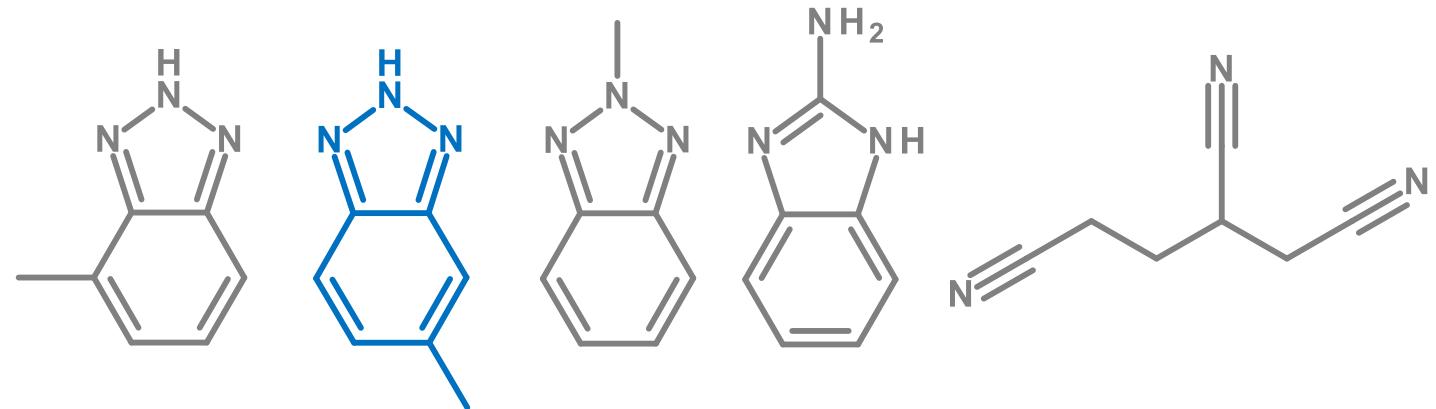
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Level 5: Exact mass of interest

MS

# TARGETED METHODS

## FOR CONFIRMATION AND QUANTIFICATION



AC<sub>50</sub> (μM)

NA

0.27

NA

12.82

NA

c<sub>predicted</sub>  
(nM)

2.6

**2.4**

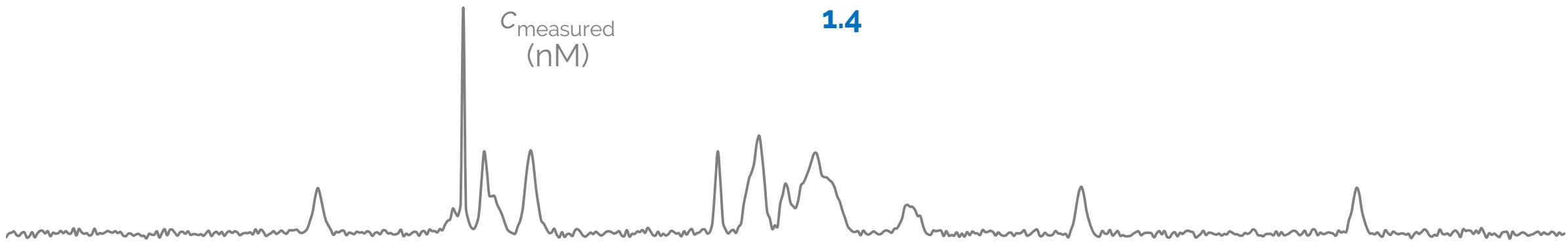
1.7

0.7

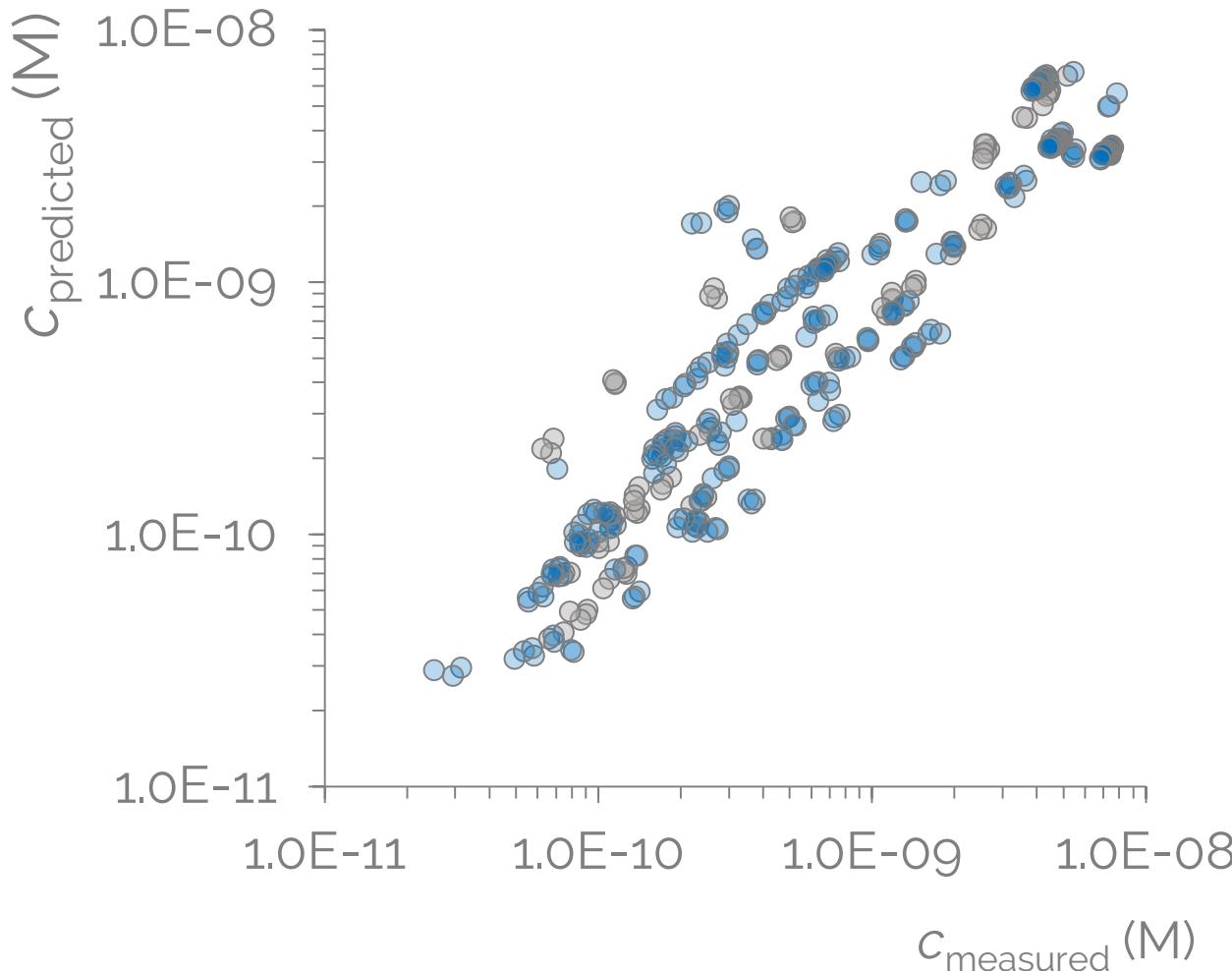
3.6

c<sub>measured</sub>  
(nM)

**1.4**



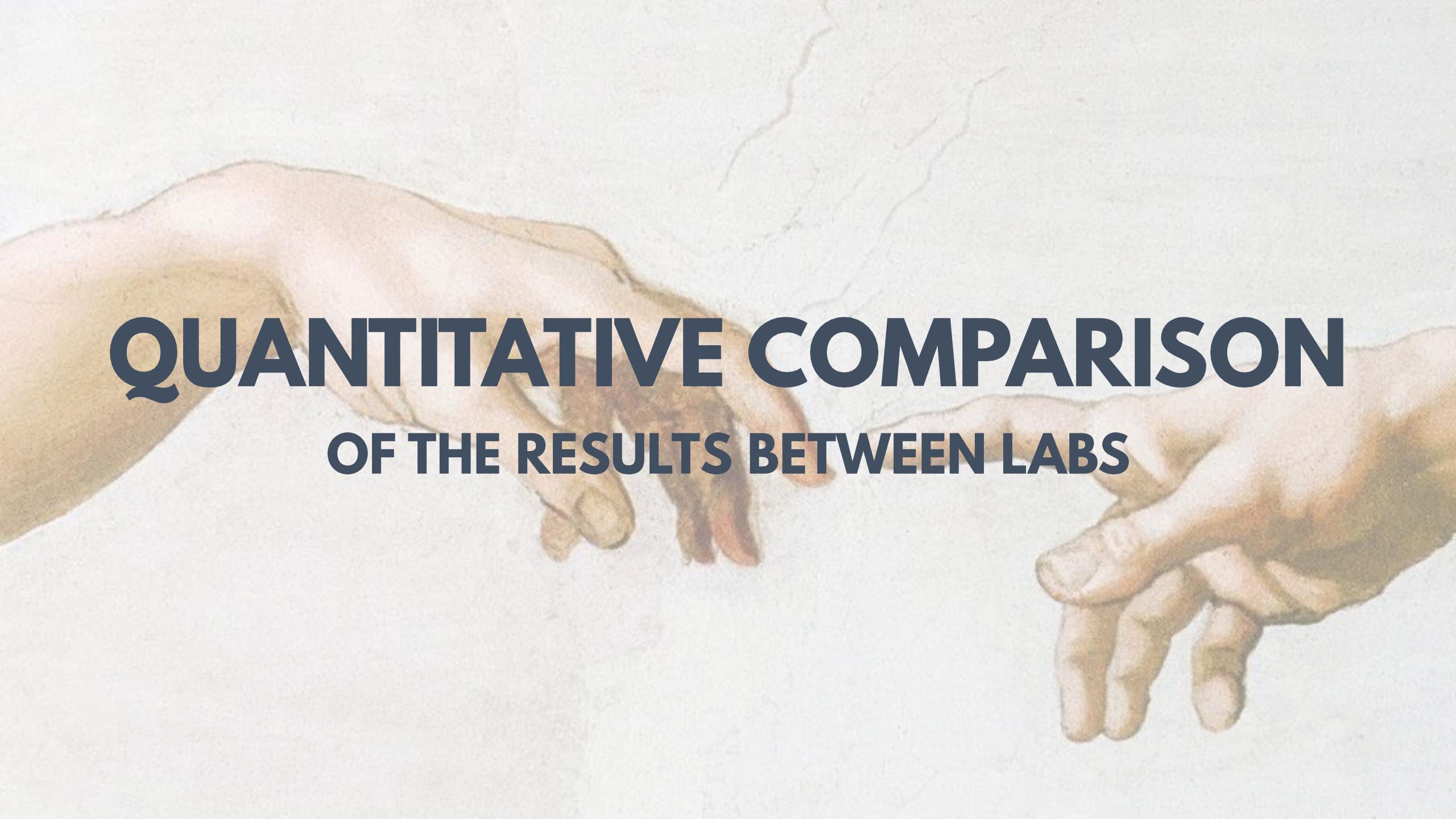
# QUANTIFICATION OF CONTAMINANTS IN SURFACE WATER



28 contaminants from 28 surface water samples from the Netherlands

Quantified with targeted method

Mean prediction error **1.7x**



# **QUANTITATIVE COMPARISON OF THE RESULTS BETWEEN LABS**

# INTERLABORATORY COMPARISON

134 PESTICIDES 6 CONCENTRATION LEVELS 6 CEREAL MATRICES



Testing Centre of University of Tartu  
(Estonia)

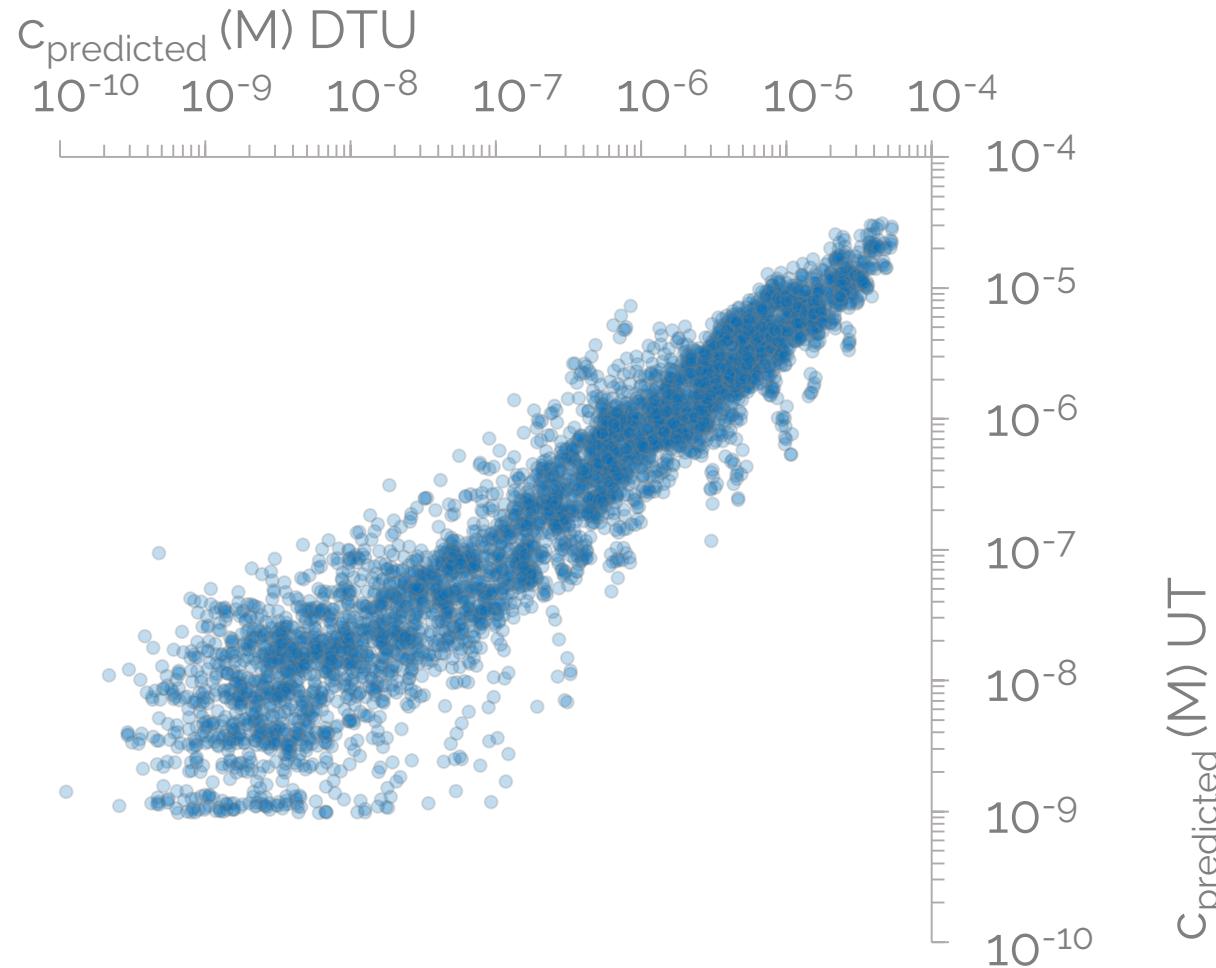
**4863** pesticides identified



National Food Institute, Technical  
University of Denmark  
**4907** pesticides identified

# COMPARABILITY BETWEEN LABS

CAN BE ACHIEVED WITH STANDARD SUBSTANCE FREE QUANTIFICATION



4856 data points

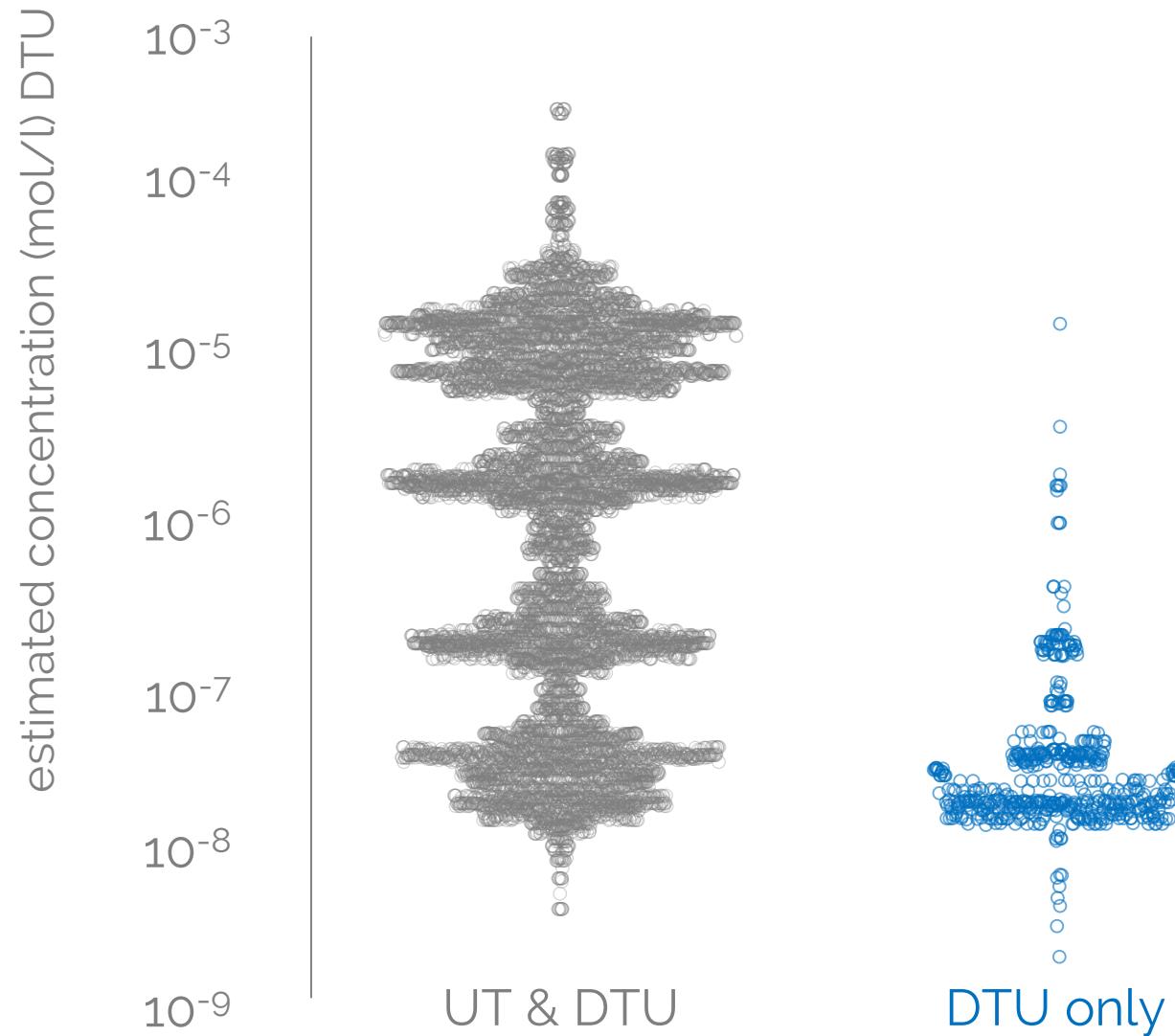
**R<sup>2</sup> of 0.85**

Average difference in concentration **3.2x**

89% of points with accuracy better than 10x

# THE DIFFERENCES IN REPORTED PESTICIDES

RESULT PRIMARILY FROM DIFFERENT DETECTION LIMITS



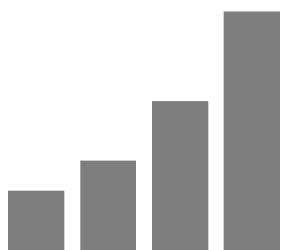
# **SUMMARY & FUTURE OF THE COMPOUNDS DETECTED**



# FUTURE

## FOR NON-TARGETED ANALYSIS

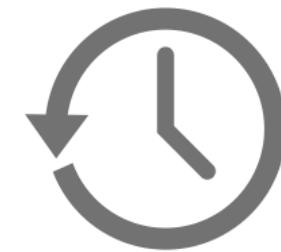
quantitative  
results



directly comparable  
data from different  
labs



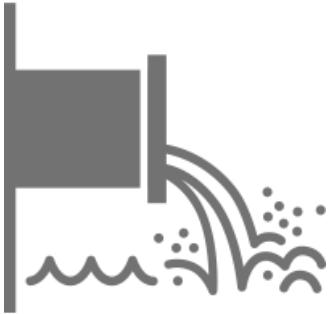
retrospective  
analysis



# APPLICATION AREAS



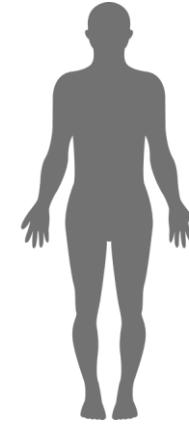
environmental



food



metabolomics



pharmaceutical



# **OPEN POSITION**

## **Post-doc in Computational Mass Spectrometry**

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# **OPEN POSITION**

## **Full Professor in Analytical Chemistry in Stockholm University**



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